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VIEWS OF A GREAT MAN.

AN ABLE LETTER BY DR. J. M. HENDERSON, COMMENTING UPON

The Aspirants for The Bishopric—Drs. Derrick, Embry, Amstrong, Coppin, Townsend and Many Others Mentioned—A Grave Mistake.

It is strange to see what queer ideas some men have of the qualities that should be possessed by a man in order to fit him for the Bishopric. Some say, "he should be a man of the people," a man who has come up from the bottom step;" some say "he should be an intellectual giant, a man of high culture and education;" some say, "he should be a good singer and a man who can stir the people;" others say, "he should be a representative man." Just how much or how little these expressions mean depends upon the individual from whom they come. No doubt the thing meant is that the quality called for should be the pre-eminent trait. Anyhow the fact that so many such expressions are used shows that men are thinking and that they are forming ideas and have set certain standards.

It will be no easy thing for any man to meet the approbation of a majority of the coming general conference, and every man who is elected on his merits, and not because of his relations to a conference or a section, will have just reason to feel honored, and will deserve the high respect which the world will be sure to show him. The delegates already chosen are a splendid set of men, but few among them come from the class of demi-politicians which have so frequently cursed the church. The man who seeks office at the hands of this general conference and who has no record and no merit will be apt to learn a life-long lesson. We all know that there is before us, as a church, a new era teeming with new questions and grave issues. We know that, excepting Bishop Turner, we have no bishops who has served eight years. We are not ready to break entirely from the past. There is too much that is rich and inspiring in the facts that lie back of us for us to be willing to turn the church over entirely to a new generation. Dr. Embry or some other old man who still treasures the ideas and traditions of the days of Quinn and Shorter will undoubtedly be chosen. No older man among the delegates will fail to see this point and no young man can afford to ignore it. So long as the gates were shut and the fence high, it was alright for youth to clamor for admittance, but now that the gates stand open that young man who would boldly rush in is certainly lacking in knowledge of the past and reverence for the great and good men, now gone.

The election of Dr. Embry is the tribute which youth will delight to pay to age. Dr. Armstrong has won the victory in Texas and his election may now be predicted without much reserve. Dr. Armstrong lacks Dr. Embry's literary ability, but represents a type of the ministry that should increase. He is a plain, honest, open-hearted preacher of a simple gospel. He has written some little pamphlets which reveal the solid, pious cast of his character. He has lived an upright life and has shown honest convictions and sturdy worth all along his steady career. He learned his early lesson at the feet of some of the great men of our past, and has reverence for the history of our grand old church. He is a safe man and his election could be no mistake.

Dr. Derrick received about eighty-one votes at the last general conference. He took this compliment as evidence of an opinion which he is bound to respect. He bowed his defeat with a pleasant smile, and has never shown one day's bitterness. Those who favored him then, favor him still, and their number has increased. Bishops Lee, Handy, and Salter, who were then elected, cannot but respect the less fortunate companion and remember with respect his splendid words in their behalf before their election and his unselfish rejoicing at their good fortune. None of these men could possibly lack the generosity that would be expected. The church has also had a better chance to study Dr. Derrick. He had been greatly misunderstood, but he has since been seen in a fairer light. He is what is called a representative man. He can draw crowds and win respect for our church in any community or on any platform. He is sympathetic and kindly by nature and would see to it that no deserving preacher went hungry or lacked a chance to educate his children. He does not possess any special quality in pre-eminent degree, but combines a splendid assortment. He has worked his way upward from the bottom step; he has won national fame and is known and respected by many of the greatest men of the country; he has been through the fire and has still loved and stuck to the church. Bishop Tanner and many other Bishops as well as many delegates have said that Derrick will be a bishop. If he has any opposers among the bishops I have not heard of it. Bishop Gaines once was, but he has since expressed himself differently.

A great many are inclined to the opinion that four bishops will be elected. If such proves to be the case, Drs. Coppin, Beckett, Preston, Phillips and Townsend are among the men most prominently mentioned. There is some talk of electing a bishop for Africa, but the more thoughtful men say that unless we intend to develop in distant Africa a separate church it is best to let the regular bishops visit that work in turns. There are a great many things bearing important relations to this matter which are not generally known and which will materially alter prevailing opinions when Dr. Heard gets back and talks out.

At the last general conference some strongly urged the election of the Rev. M. Frederick and the subsequent events showing what a great mistake it would have been, have made prudent men decline to form a premature opinion. Bishop Turner will throw some good light on the subject if he has any hand in the quadrennial address. The four men most generally mentioned in connection with the bishopric are Armstrong, Derrick, Embry and Coppin. Dr. Coppin is the representative of the younger element as are also Drs. Preston and Beckett. Dr. Coppin is ahead in literary reputation, Dr. Preston stands ahead in executive ability and experience as a pastor, while Dr. Beckett stands way up as a pastor and a rousing old Methodist revivalist. Dr. Preston's rival is Dr. Townsend, and Dr. Coppin's rival is Dr. Beckett. Thus far Dr. Coppin has the lead. He is more frequently mentioned in the Recorder than any other candidate. This either indicates that he is the most popular man now before the church or else it indicates something of which I will not speak without decisive evidence. When it comes to general officers we find a long list. Dr. Anderson of Ohio, Dr. Beckett, Rev. Mr. Leak and Rev. Mr. Parker are frequently mentioned as candidates for the missionary secretaryship. Dr. Anderson leads his delegation and is said to have the support of Wilberforce and both Ohio conferences. Dr. Preston, Dr. Moore, and that prince of connectional men, Rev. Phil Hubbard are talked of as candidates for the financial secretaryship. Dr. C. T. Shaffer will have no opposition. He has made a great success of his work and has only had it part of a term. Should any other candidate appear it would be Dr. Ben Watson of Detroit.

The Rev. R. C. Ransom is strongly talked of as editor of the Review, but the Review will have to fight quite a battle for individual existence, as there isa great deald is atisisofaction with the idea of paying a man $5.200.00 to get out sixteen issues during four years. The articles which have appeared have seldom been from men of any great standing and required no coaxing; the editorials have been good, but not of a character to require anything more than a ripe mind and well trained pen. Experienced men all over the country, both inside the church and out, say that any man fit to edit the Recorder could also edit the Review. There is a good deal in this to think about.

As secretary of education there is strong work being done in behalf of President Mitchell of Wilberforce, but Rev. I. W. Roundtree of New Jersey and possibly Hallie Q. Brown will e in the field.

Dr. Mitchell's ability as a hustler is demonstrated by the wonderful material development of Wilberforce. (I dare not again say that this phase of the development of that beloved institution has outdistanced its development in other respects.) Dr. Roundtree completed a course at Princeton with honor and those who witnessed his triumphant election at the head of his delegation know that he is no antagonist to be passed over lightly. Miss Hallie Q. Brown's success in Europe will probably decide as to her candidacy.

In connection with the Sunday school department no general talk is being indulged. There are a number of candidates whose "booms" are yet cherished within strictly local limits. This place will demand a sort of man that is extremely scarce. The man chosen will be likely to be of the type represented by Downs, Cook, Cheek, or Gaines of Virginia. Dr. Heard would fill the bill if he would accept it. Unless Africa has made a great change, he probably would accept it. The editorship of the non-existing Southern Recorder is causing more scrambling. Nixon, Cheek and Taylor seem to be the tallest men reaching for this plum.

The editorship of the Christian Recorder has called forth but two avowed candidates, viz., Dr. H. T. Johnson, and Dr. Thomas Jackson. Dr. T. W. Henderson has been very frequently mentioned but, although his past record as a newspaper man is in his favor, yet the church needs his force and business ability, as business manager much more than it needs his pen. Nobody wants to be business manager. The heavy debts, the small income, the hard grind, and the many grunts which the patient Dr. Embry has emitted have scared off the aspirants. The present appearance of the Recorder shows that it is running close handed and with half rations. Some think that the concern is on its last legs. If Dr. T. W. Henderson, of Indianapolis, breaks his record for never running for an office and gets out into the arena, if he wants a place where, at a much less salary than he now receives, he could do for the church a service that would be of exceeding great value, let him start for the office of business manager. He would make it the biggest thing in the connection within four years.

Between Dr. H. T. Johnson and Dr. Thos. Jackson as editors there is little need for much hesitation. Johnson will have the support of Arkansas. Arkansas cannot get but one office and, therefore, all of her big men will have to make sure of Johnson. Dr. Jackson would hardly dispute his right to ask for a solid delegation. Morever, Dr. Johnson has had several hard trials and is somewhat under a cloud and deserves a chance to vindicate himself. Like Bishops Tanner and Lee he has no special records as a pastor but has great ability as a writer. At present he is subjected to powerful pressure and cannot fully show his ability, but he has convictions and under proper conditions would shine out. Don't let anyone think that the writer is partial to Dr. Johnson. That delusion has been exploded. The writer speaks well of the able doctor from principle, but is not blind to his fickleness in the Wilberforce controversy. A great many cannot reconcile Dr. Johnson's recontations and his earlier attitude of independant convictions and utterances, but if they think of the difference between a person as an individual and as an officer they can see daylight. Dr, Johnson has not yet learned to sink his individuality into the editor. He has only had four years experience. Give him another chance, if he is not elected Dr. Downs of Georgia, would make a splendid man for the place. Dr. Jennifer has not been spoken of, but no one can ever think of an election of Bishops without thinking of Dr. Jennifer, whose career as a pastor has been one long record of unbroken success. He is a man of ability and of pure character. The only criticism ever urged against him is the saying of some that he is narrow in his interests and somewhat selfish. This is contradicted by his great success and broad lines of work. To him we own, primarily, our entrance as a church in the parliament of religions.

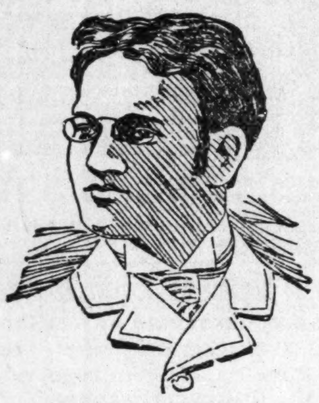
JOHN M. HENDERSON, M. D.,

New York City.

Emancipation Celebration.

Argenta, Ark., Special.

The Emancipation club met at the C. M. E. church and arranged themselves under the leadership of S. B. Brown and Co., then they paraded the principal streets to the First Baptist church. There a service was held, commemorating the Emancipation Proclamation. The program consisted of speeches, reading and songs. Among the speakers were Prof. J. C. Pleasant, Miss Etta Robison, Rev. A. Tenison, Rev. A. Savall and Prof. J. K. Rector, A. M. Music was furnished by Miss Hattie Smith, Prof. Adams and Miss Sarilla Harris.



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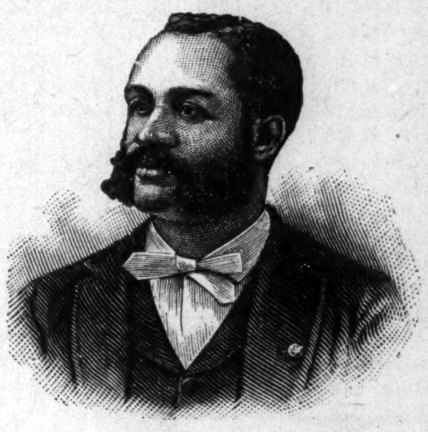

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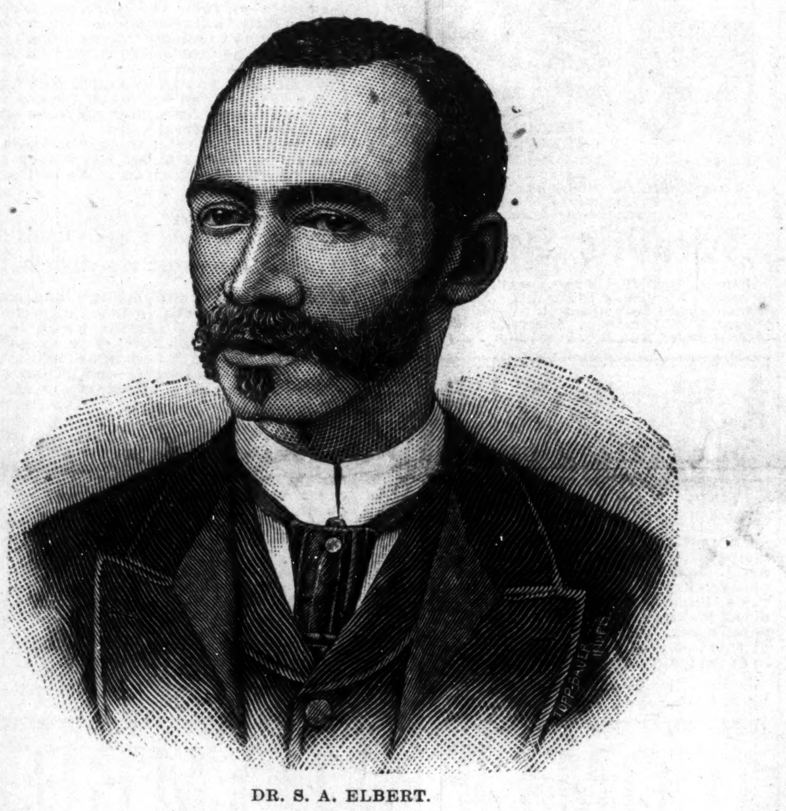

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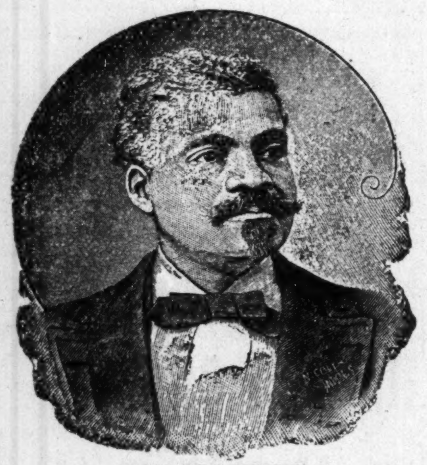

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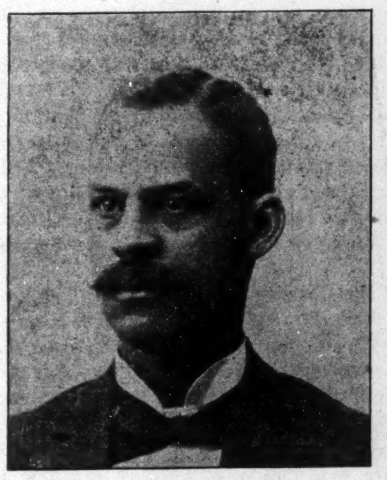

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IN THE DIAMOND MINES

AN ABLE LETTER FROM THE DARK CONTINENT—CAPE TOWN,

Table Mountain, Kimberly, Johannesburg the Principal Cities of South Africa—Many Other Important Places.

South Africa,
Durban Natal,
Nov. 29th, '95.

Editor Freeman:

Since I wrote you from Australia, I have been very well and have had a pleasant time. I left Sydney, Australia, Sunday morning June 2nd, for Capetown, South Africa. We traveled along the Australian c[illegible]ugh the Bass's Strait and the Great Australian Bight, and there we had very rough weather. We were fifty-two hours in one place. After that we reached King George's Sound, Albany, Western Australia, Sunday morning, June 9th where we went ashore and spent the day and had a very pleasant time. We were to leave Monday morning but we did not leave until 6:30 Monday evening, as they were taking on 8,000 tons of coal. We left King George's Sound, and when we rounded Cape Leuwin we encountered very rough seas. We turned our course into the Indian Ocean. We sailed 19 days without seeing land; it was an unpleasant trip, as it was very rough. We came in sight of capetown or its lights Friday night, June 28th, at 10:30 p. m., and we landed at Capetown Saturday morning, June 29. We were one week late. We gave our first concert Monday, July 8th, at the opera house, at which time we had the honor of appearing before Governor Robinson, General Goodenough, and the State Secretary.

Capetown is a very beautiful city. It has 30,000 inhabitants and is a little over two centuries old. The only place of great importance is Table Mountain, it is 2,228 ft. high, and is perfectly flat on top. On the morning of July 4th, I left the hotel to go to the top of the mountain. I reached there about half past eleven and spent about three hours looking around. There is a beautiful view of Capetown from the mountain. On the north end of the mountain there is a perfect lion's head in the stone. There are trees growing on the sides and top of the mountain. Very few people who visit Capetown go to the top of this mountain so I thought I would be among the few. I returned about five o'clock in the afternoon and after tea I went to a concert given by the Saxon Glee Singers, which was very fine. I also visited the town and Zoological Gardens and they are ordinary. I also visited the House of Parliament; it is a very fine building. The most striking building in Capetown is the Castle, which lies close to the sea. It was built by the Dutch in mud when they first landed, and was afterwards built of stone. The Castle is a very odd building, and is now being occupied by English troops. I cannot give you a description of the interior as I only paid a short visit. Capetown is the capitol of Cape Colony. There are a great many nationalities settled in this place. The English rule the country. Then there are the Dutch. Kafirs, Hottentots, and the Malays. The Malays are descendants of slaves whom the early Dutch settlers induced from Java. They are so-called Mahommedans They are a very peculiar class of people. Their dress is very curious, and they have services at five o'clock in the morning. They have no bell on their church, but they have a tower, and the Mahommedan priest goes into the tower and calls out to the faithful. I got up three mornings to hear him I never heard anything like it. I don't know when the men go to church, for the three mornings I went to hear the priest cry out I only saw the sisters go in. We spent two weeks in Capetown and suburbs, and left there Monday July 22nd, stopping at Stellenbosch, Pearl, Wellington, Worcester, and Beaufort West. The next place of importance was Kimberley. We arrived there Monday July 29th. Kimberleys greatest attraction is the diamond mines. I spent a day visiting the mines. I went down in one of them which was 3,200 feet deep. They have employed in these mines nothing but natives. De Beer's is the largest mine. It employes 5,800 natives. None of these speak the English language. They all live in the compound, and are only allowed out in the city twice a year.

After going all through the mines I went to the rooms where the diamonds are sorted, and there saw over £500,000 worth of diamonds. In American money I should say that would be two million five-hundred thousand dollars. It was a very grand sight. We spent one week at Kimberley and left there August 5th, stopping at Oradock, Port Elizabeth, and a number of small places, after which we left Cape Colony, going into the Orange Free State. We arrived at Jaggerstontein August 30th. Jaggersfontein has also two diamond mines. It is the place where the largest diamond was found. The stone is called the "Excelsior," weighing 934¾ carats. I have several photos of the diamond, which you will receive by this mail. We visited several cities in the Orange Free State, and on Monday morning, Sept. 9th, we arrived in Johannesburg, the metropolis of South Africa. Johannesburg is in the Transvaal, the South African Republic. It is the place where all the gold mines are.

There is plenty of gold in the country, the mines are owned by the English and some are operated by Americans. The Transval is a Dutch Republic. After spending 3 weeks in Johannesburg we visited several other cities, and finished our visit at Pretoria, the Capital. We sang there nine nights and at the their

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THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

THE "TRILBY HEART" CLUB ENTERTAINED.

The Ladies were Elegantly Attired—The School Concert a Success—Will Soon Wed—The Twilight Dancing Club's Reception.

Fort Huachuca, A. T., Special.

The Christmas week was one of continual gaiety and pleasure. The Twilight Dancing club squitted themselves more than creditable in the excellent manner in which their ball was conducted, the music was grand and the supper delicious. The ladies in their magnificient costumes, the gents in their full dress uniform made the occasion one long to be remembered. The married ladies gave a grand ball New Year's. Miss L. F. Lyman and Miss C. Fain kept open house at the residence of the former New Year's day. The Twilight Dancing Club held a special reception Sunday evening in honor of the president, Mr. B. Jones. The "Trilby Heart Club" under the careful and skillful management of Miss Lyman showered forth in all of its brilliant and dazzling splendor. The hall was decorated with flags of the Union, draped with holly and misleto. The card tables were artistically arranged in the shape of a large heart everywhere, and on the button hole of every coat was to be seen hearts of all sizes. Emblems of the club, white and gold were the prevailing colors in the decorations.

The supper room was in keeping with its brilliant surroundings, the table was artistically decorated everything suggetive of the heart. Among the notable costumes was the one worn by Miss Lyman as "Queen of Hearts." A beautiful dress of cream nunsveiling trimmed with cardial velvet. Miss Stanfield was attired in white, trimmed with pansies, Mrs. Green, lavender silk; Miss Fain, brown silk and cream lace; Mrs. Banks in a handsome rich black, Mrs, A. Thomas, baby blue silk, trimmed swan's down, Mrs. Gray, cordial satin; Mrs. Jennings, red silk; Mrs. R. Myers, brown silk; Mrs. W. H. Myers, gray silk and cream lace; Mrs. C. Mathews, white and pink silk; the Misses Porters, fan silk; Mrs. Arms, black silk and jets; Mrs. Janey, orange colored satin; Hiss Holt, pink silk; Miss B. Williams, red silk.

To take a bird's eye view would be a sight long to be remembered from the leaf of earthly pleasures. It is rumored that Ordnance Sergeant Rose and Miss L. E. Lyman will wed in early March. The school concert under the management of Miss Lyman, was quite a success, and by special request repeated during the holidays.

Cupid on His Rounds.

Red Fork, Ark. Special.

Christmas has passed off with its usual program of weddings. We have now three grooms and three brides, all of whom were raised at this place and are among our best young men and young ladies of this town, we bespeak for them a happy new life. And will always remember the dinner tendered Mr. Arkley Crane and his wife by his father and mother, Major and Mrs. Crane. Oh! how we did carve that large 20 pound turkey; we also enjoyed ourselves at Mr. P. Mason's, because we feel at home among our old friends. We were invited to Mr. Wm. Jackson's to an infair of his daughter, Miss Evalena, but could not attend, though we learn that those present had a good time. All speak highly of the Freeman and will subscribe. We want to answer Wm. Christian C. D. of C. F. soon.

FORTY MUTE CHILDREN.

Meet for the Festivities of a Christmas Tree.

Chicago, Ill. Special.

At the Lounsbury Institute in the Masonic Temple, New Years after-noon, were gathered to gether one of the most happy groups of children that the festivities of the holidays have afforded. It was indeed unique, owing to the fact that but few of them were able to Converse other than by signs and gestures.

They were the pupils of Mrs. Lounsbury, who being a teacher of that class of children, knew well how to converse with them and make their day an enjoyable one. They varied in ages from eight to eighteen. A large number of these children could hear, while others were totally deaf; but all were able to talk a little as far as they had learned.

In conversing with Mrs. Lounsbury, the principal, I was quite surprised to learn that many of these children were in possession of a perfect hearing and yet without the ability to talk; she said it was owing to their having a Negative Ear, but to all appearances this did not deter their happiness in the least. After their recreation in games and many other amusing plays, they were served with refreshments from a bountifully spread table.

Then came the presents from the heavily laden Christmas Tree, and the eager hands that reached out for their presents as they were handed down to them, and the happy expressions that lit up the faces as they watched the presents passing over their heads to those in the distance, then back again to them, was a picture long to be remembered, and we almost forgot that tuey were afflicted. The Lounsbury Institute reaches out a helping hand to all who may be afflicted with the inability to talk.

The spacious room it occupeis in the Masonic Temple, overlooking as it does, Lake Michigan stretching miles away, is an attractive sight to both pupil and visitor.

I learned from Mrs. Lounsbury that these Christmas gatherings were annual features of the institute, and although the same pupils did not meet each year, as it rarely requires longer than ten months to develope the speach of those who can hear, yet they meet those from the other school with a warm cordiality. Among this number were also her pupils from the public schools, who are deaf mutes, and each year they look forward to the joyous gathering at the Christmas Tree festivities.

They were a happy group and it was a pleasure to the many visitors present to witmess their enjoyment.

A Brilliant Reception.

Washington, Ga Special.

Edward E. Bonner, Jr. spent Xmas at home with his parents after an absence of five years attending Wayland seminary, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bonner gave an elegant reception Friday evening Dec. 27th complimentary to their son Edward E. Bonner, Jr. Music and different games were indulged in during the evening. The following were presents: Prof. and Mrs. G. W. Hill, Carmilla Page, Misses Katy Hains, Carrie Shepard, Carrie Mickens, Rosa A Hunter, Hattie and Maria Burns, Martha Jones, Emma Tyler, Katy Dent, Jennie Brooks, Mamie Winfield, Della Richardson, Victoria Sherman, Nora Scott, Mamie Plummer, Sallie Heard, Anna Bell, Gertrude L. Bonner, Mary Pettus and Bessie Pettus; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Evans, Camilla Weems, Messrs. Albert Pope, Edward E. Bonner, Alex Simpson, John Simpson, Jeppy Hamilton, Lewis Williams, Joe Denbose, Willis Denbose, Charley Jackson, E. R. Richardson, Webster Buchanan, Rev. C. T. Butler, Willie Mills, James Mills, George Newsome, Charley Dunkard, Fred Burns, Marshall Bonner, Willie Asberry, Kem·Mickens and Stephen Pettus.

Meeting of the Christian Aid.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

On December 26th the Christian Aid met at the residence of Mrs. Azee, Howett street. After the business transaction an elegant lunch was served They then adjourned and met at Mrs. Johnson's Jan. 2nd. Mr. Fossett entertained a few of his friends at dinner Christmas—his birthday. Wm. Harris gave one among the grandest 8 o'clock dinners of the week. Those present were: Mr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. L. South, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moody and little son, Earl. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Moody of Bloomington passed through the city en route for Eureka to spend the holidays with their parents. Mrs Penix accompanied by her daughter Mrs. L. Roberts, attended the wedding of her niece in Columbia, Mo., Christmas week. Mr. Hardin and Miss Smith of Hoopston, are visiting in the city, the guests of Miss Anderson. Mrs. Sauges is visiting her sister in Waverly. Mrs. Lyells is spending the week in Galesburg. Mr. Dean of Bloomington spent Christmas day in the city. Miss L. White of Decatur, attended the Recherche banquet. The Recherche Club gave a grand banquet. No pains were spared in making this one of the most pleasant occasions, and surpasses all others of a similar kind. The brilliant success of the club is awarded to D. J. Smith, E. H. Hogan, B. DePugh, J. C. Haynes. The ladies of the Christian Aid kept open doors at Mount Zion Baptist church New Year's day, and an entertainment at night. Mr. and Mrs. W. Patterson are spending the week in Iowa City, Iowa, the guests of parents.

Current News.

Rice, Tex., Special.

Rice is a beautiful little city and is on the H. P. and T. C. R. R. It has two colored churches, the Coffee Chapel A. M. E. church and the Hopeville Baptist church. It has some very wealthy Negroes around it, such as P. DuBose, Mrs. Kizzie Terell, J. D. Dennis and S. M. Lanier. There are many prominent church workers here among whom are Maggie Soiner, J. R. Rogor, A. BuBose, Miss Mattie Terell. Miss Anna Cage is loved by all. We hope to have everybody at Rice reading The Freeman soon. It is the Negro guide.

Late Literary News.

No one ever thought of introducing so expensive a feature as lithographic color work in the days when the leading magazines sold for $4.00 a year and 35 cents a copy. But times change, and the magazines change with them. It has remained for the Cosmopolitan, sold at $1 a year, to put in an extensive lithographic plant capable of printing 320,000 pages per day (one color). The January issue presents as a frontispiece a water-color drawing Eric Pape, illustrating the last story by Robert Stevenson, which has probably never been excelled even in the pages of the finest dollar French periodicals. The cover of Cosmopolitan is also changed a drawing of page length by the famous Paris artist Rossi, in lithographic colors on white paper takes the place of the manila back with its red stripe. Hereafter the cover is to be a fresh surprise each month.

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OF CERTAIN AND LASTING RELIEF

To YOUNG MEN.

It connot be too well known that more than one-half the diseases are brought on by disobedience to the laws of nature, by imprudence and excesses, and more especially by those demoralizing and debasing habits of youth practiced in ignorance of the evil consequences and terrible results that surely follow sooner or later in life. There are thousands of young men in our midst who suffer in some way from the result, and yet go on sinning till they become unfit for the duties of life—with manly powers impaired or lost, and a constitution undermined and breaking down with some chronic, nervous or organis disease. NERVOUS DEBILITY may arise from other causes than early indiscretions; for instance, sedentary occupation, excessive mental or physical work, malarious influence, excessive indulgence, irritated condition of the system or a loss of seminal fluid at night.

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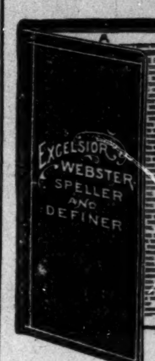

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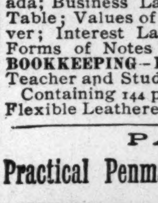

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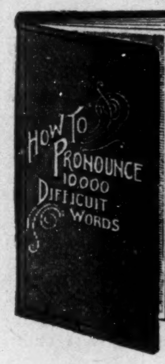

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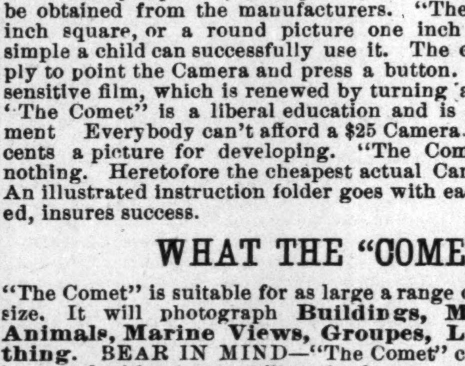

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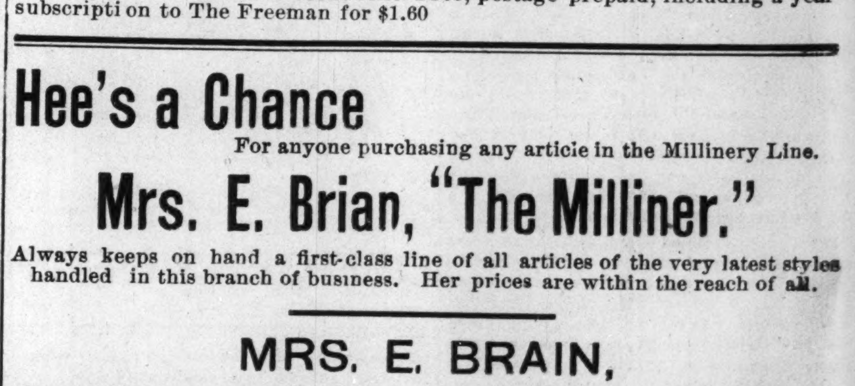

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A FAMILY QUARREL.

> "Friends now fast sworn
> Unseparable shall within this hour
> On a dissension of a breath, break out
> To bitterest enmity."
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> —Shakespeare.

THE REST of Mrs. Emma Hardy's visit to Virginia, after finding the piece of the proxy letter, was overshadowed with jealousy, revenge, doubts and fear. She was in doubt about the residence of "Martha." "Does she live in C—— or Beaconsville or is she one of the women who came with us on the train from K——?" she asked herself a hundred times during the day before the company re-embarked for tide-water of Virginia. She scraped up an acquaintance with too young women in the next seat on the way home. They both claimed to have known the Hardy family well in days of yore, and one of them introduced herself as Martha Smith.

"Did you loose a piece of a love letter Miss Smith?" asked Mrs. Hardy in a demanding tone.

"Why no, I never writ a letter in my life, and least more I've been married three years. But why do you ask?"

"Because I found a piece of a love letter upon the camp meeting grounds this morning and I'd like to find the woman it was sent to, that's all."

"Was her name like mine, Martha Smith?"

"I don't know what her last name was; the letter only called her 'My dear Martha.' Now since you are a married woman and perhaps know all the folks in K—— I'll tell you and perhaps you can help me to find her. You see I picked up a half of a letter written by my husband to some Martha out here. Now I'll give any thing to get my hands on that Martha before I go back North—that's all."

Mrs. Smith had a fellow-feeling for Mrs. Hardy and gave her the names and addresses of several Marthas who would beyond a doubt try to steal the heart and pocket-book of any married man. Mrs. Hardy played detective for several days until she was convinced that none of these Marthas was her husband's "Dear Martha." She concluded that "Dear Martha" might live in C—— or Beaconsville. All of her idle time during the rest of the visit she devoted in making plans and building traps for her supposed erring husband in order to get from him as much of the truth as an unfaithful husband ever admits.

Sept. 10th found Mrs. Hardy, her two litttle daughters, her trunks and baggage at home in the town of B——, Conn. Her husband met her at the train and attempted to greet her with a kiss. She repulsed him with her hand, and the same time remarked: "I'm in no humor for foolishness and deception."

He looked at her in surprise, and repeated, "foolishness and deception?"

"Yes, that's what I said: foolishness and deception."

"Why what's the matter with you, Emma?"

She made no reply, and they walked from the depot to the house in silence. As soon as she entered she continued to show her displeasure, about what he knew not, by moving everything in the parlor, dining room and kitchen, from where he had placed them, muttering all the time to herself. He hurried down town to his store with a puzzled look upon his face. "I wonder what the deuce is the matter with Emma?" he asked himself. The more he wondered the more puzzled he was. When he returned home at noon he met with a semi-cold and hot reception.

"Good afternoon, Emma," he remarked in his usual tone, but got no reply, not even so much as a look. In about a half hour his wife stuck her head in his little office room and yelled: "Your dinner's ready—you had better come at once, as I want to clean the table off."

When he was seated at the table she slammed the dishes down in a dangerous way and threw things about in a seemingly rage. Hardy reflected for a moment and then said to himself: "Now something is the matter with her and she wants me to ask her what's the trouble so she can open up, but I ll not do it; she must open the ball, or I'll not do it; still I wonder what the thunder's the matter. She can't be angry with me—I sent her money regular, and more than I told her I would send; I can't understand her actions."

Seeing that her husband would not notice her signs of anger and ask what was the trouble, Mrs. Hardy changed her base. After dinner she acted herself, laughed, talked and told who she had seen, who of their old friends were dead, what ones were married and the like, when suddenly she remarked looking into the fire: "Oh, the best time we had was on an excursion that left K—— on the 3rd of July for C—— in the western part of the state. It was given by the united churches of K——. They took out twelve car loads of people, and we all went to Beaconsville, five or six miles outside of C—— to a big union camp meeting; Beaconsville is a nice place, Andrew."

Here she suddenly looked up from the fire into her husband's eyes. One glance was enough to convince her that he knew something about the place or somebody there. His face bore an anxious and interesting look; he wanted to ask all about the place, and directly or indirectly find out if she had met Martha Jane Wright, but that "something" which often without a cause or without giving a reason checks our words or actions prevented him from giving his wife's remarks about Beaconsville even a seemingly passing notice.

"Oh, is George Bartlett married yet, Emma?"

"I ain't talking about George Bartlett; I'm talking about Beaconsville."

"Well, talk on about it; I'm ready to hear you."

"That's what I intend to do; were you ever there?"

"No, I was not—never in that part of the state."

"Do you know anybody there?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"Because I want to know."

"Well, no—there's not a soul in that section I know."

"Never wrote to anyone in Beaconsville?"

At this point it flashed through Hardy's mind that somehow or other his wife had heard of the proxy letters or perhaps met Miss Wright, so he hesitated before he replied.

"Can't you tell till you stop to study for a half hour? Did you ever write to any person in Beaconsville?"

"Not for myself."

"Oh, then you HAVE written to some one in Beaconsville; I thought you never heard of the place before to-day."

"I didn't tell you so."

"No, not in words, but that's what you wanted me to think. Now, Andrew Hardy, I want to know who you wrote letters to, and who you wrote them for."

"Why for Joe Clark; he lives near Beaconsville, the same county, I think, and I have written lots of business letters for him to people in that section, but why do you ask in such a pointed, lawyer-like manner, Emma?"

"Because," replied Mrs. Hardy, as she took out the piece of letter from her pocket-book. "I'd like to know if this is a piece of one of the 'business' letters you wrote for Joe Clark."

Hardy took the scrap in his hand and read it. He turned somewhat pale as he replied in stammering tones.

"Why yes, that's the part of one, where did you get it?"

"No matter where I got it, Andrew Hardy, no matter where I got it. You know that you are telling a bareface lie when you say that you wrote that letter for Joe Clark; Joe Clark does not know as much about poetry as I do, and that's very little. Now it sounds likely that he'd be having you write a lot of such trash. Think out a better lie, Andrew Hardy—say that It's not your handwriting or that you mailed it to Beaconsville, and had it thrown in the road where I could find it, just to see what I'd say—tell me some kind of a lie, for the first one will not fit the case."

"I'm telling you the truth; I wrote that letter for Clark, and if you had found the rest of the letter you would have seen his name signed to it."

"You know that you are lying. Clark was not here on the 9th of May nor no time within three weeks of that date. Now will you take your oath that Joe Clark ever saw that letter?"

Hardy looked trouble; he could not truthfully sware that Clark had seen or even heard of the letter, as it was one of the private pen-chats he had with Martha without Clark's knowledge. At last he found words to say:

"I'll sware that Clark's name was signed to it."

"I didn't ask you whose name was signed to it. I asked you if Clark knew that you wrote that letter! will you take an oath he ever saw this letter or knew that it was written?"

Hardy made no reply; he was at a loss what to say; he was wondering where she got the scrap and what the outcome would be.

"Do you hear me talking to you, Andrew Hardy? Will you sware—"

"I'll sware to nothing; I think you are going crazy," broke in Hardy as he threw the scrap of paper on the floor and started for the door. His wife, now

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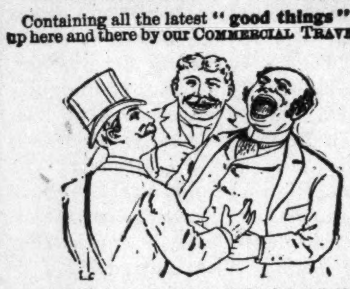

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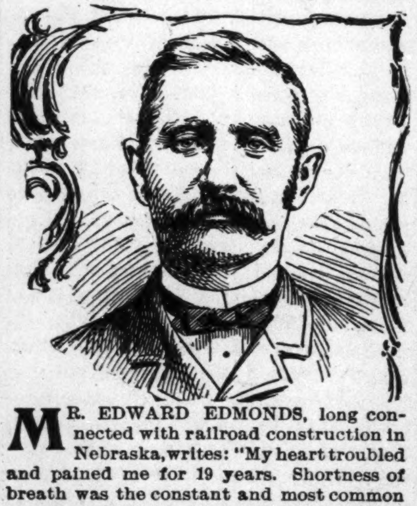

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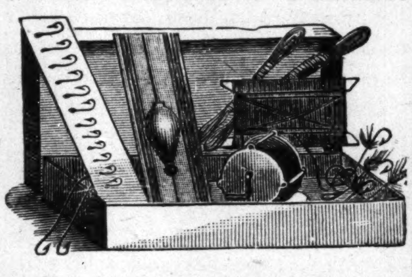

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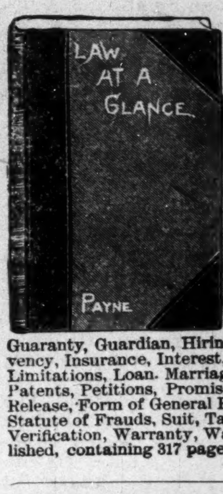

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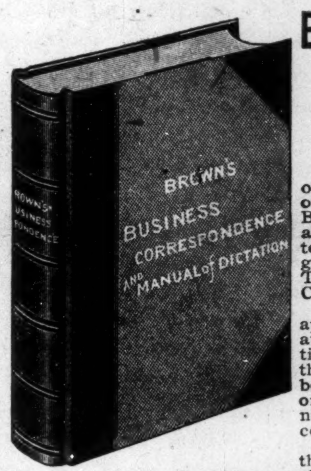

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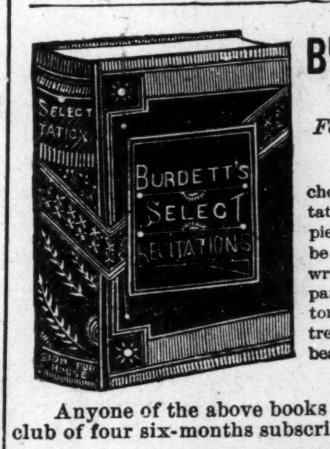

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MRS. FOX, OF INDIANAPOLIS, OUTRAGED.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, of Indianapolis, Ind., one of the most cultured, polished and refined ladies of our race, or of any race in this country, and who has been actively connected with the Indianapolis Freeman, bought a first-class ticket from her home to Atlanta, Ga, to visit the exposition, and was assured by the representatives of the railroads that she would enjoy all of the accommodations for which her ticket called, which she did, until a few miles this side of Chattanooga, Tenn., when she was assaulted by a brutal, fiendish devil-hearted conductor, who, failing by his threats to intimidate her out of the seat she had occupied, from the time she left Cincinnati, took up her grip sack and threw it out of the car and bursted it open, causing her much loss; and when she came out of the car and picked it up and started back into the car was met by the same imp, standing in the door to prevent her entrance into the car to which she was entitled by the ticket she had bought and paid for, and was forced into a jimcrow car, where rough men smoked and blasphemed, until she reached Atlanta. This is a civilization unknown in hell itself. Thousands of colored people have come to the exposition and returned without this degration. Yet scores have complained of annoyance from some of these brutal railroad conductors We learn a mass meeting will be held in Indianapolis condemning the infamous outrage, and the supreme court of the United States, the father of this wicked proscription, will be riddled with the maledictions of an insulted people. God grant that the meeting may ring it into the ears of the nation, and that Mrs. Fox may enter suit for the damage which has been done her race, her sex and herself. Every anti-African emigrationist or anti-Negro nationalizationist who will not help Mrs Fox in seeking redress through the courts is a scoundrel, and his tongue ought to rot out of his mouth if he wags it against the Negro race establishing a nation of his own.

Here is a chance for our Northern anti-emigration howlers to show their hands. Do something or try to do something for one from their own section of country.—The Voice of Missions.

At last we of the far North are the recipients of the results of the pernicious influence of mob law, disfranchisements and discriminations. Mrs. Fox, according to reports, was assaulted nothing more or less. There are many who will not be able to discover anything in this but violence done one person. A race has been maltreated. What can be done about it? Why, poor dumb mouths can they not speak? Does respectability mean cloven tongues? Leaders that do not lead, editors that do not edit, and office holders that hold offices only, these we have with us. These things can and must be made odious! They must be made so, or the life of the Negro will be full of events. One blue bird may not make a summer. But one outrage perpertrated with impunity is pregnant with a thousand similar ills.

The Irish hold up their hands when a tenant is justly evicted—poor perhaps he may be, but this does not entitle him to anything, except sympathy. Mrs. Fox may have been the Princess of India for all this villain knew. Her face was not white; it was sufficient for insults and persecutions. The Negro sees cause in these late happenings sufficient to cement them as adamant.

Rienzi, on viewing the bloody corpse of a beautiful younger brother mangled by the steeled hoofs of the Orisini and the opposing noble factions of Rome cried for vengeance. This being hooted at because an humble plebeian, he walled up his hot tears and in a twinkling became a man. What he did is the historians delight. Ecce homo! Where? Who is the Rienzi permeated by one master passion; deliverance?.

SAYS THE TEXAS BRONCHO.

Grant S. Neal, traveling representative for THE FREEMAN, of Indianapolis, Ind., was in Cameron this week in the interest of that paper. He got a good list of subscribers not only among his own race, but some of the leading white people as well. THE FREEMAN is the largest and the best and the only illustrated Negro publication in the United States. Its editor has some very crude ideas of the South, from the tone of the editorial utterances, but the kindly treatment his representative receives in this state may change that in time. Neal stated to the editor, his surprise at the freedom the Negroes enjoyed here, and the great chance for the accumulation of property; and was agreeably surprised at the excellent schools for Negroes, and believed that separate schools were superior to mixed. Mr. Neal also said that Cameron was the best town in the state.

Of course this is a white paper. The editor of THE FREEMAN certainly appreciates the courteous treatment extended Mr. Neal as THE FREEMAN'S representative. The editor takes no violent exceptions to the statement that he entertains "crude" views of the South. He has long hoped and prayed that the views were crude, and that it was all malinformation. The past and present are, however, continual witnesses to the contrary. The editor desires conviction. He is susceptible to proofs that prove. His views are not prejudiced nor pre conceived. Should hanging by "judge" lynch cease for three whole months, a change of heart would come. And why not three whole years? Give us a cessation of hostilities; this will tell more than all the philipics the South may utter. Let it be shown that public sentiment does not uphold these ghoulish feats; this alone is sufficient. An enraged mob may raise its head in the streets of New York. It may be the Commune of Paris with its hoarse ground swell of bread! bread!! bread!!! It may be a strike upon the public highways of Philadelphia. There are no immediate governors for such spontaneous uprisings. It, however, does not mean that the press, the pulpit, the bar and the bench must fail to be conservators of peace and join the affray. The editor of THE FREEMAN is aware of the futile attempts to bring mobs to justice. Our own "white caps" of infamous memory to-wit: General sympathy in the mobs ruling is where the harm is. The editor is pleased with the utterances of the Broncho touching this point. He hopes an early conversion. However, he dogmatically insist that it must come through works as well as faith.

JOHN SHERMAN'S SPEECH.

Senator Sherman, in his speech, uses no figures of speech but plainly tells the country that the financial ills of the day are superinduced by the difference in revenue produced by the Wilson and McKinley tariff laws. He shows plainly that the surplus fund will have no stability until sufficient revenues are produced as will take care of the current expenses of the government.

The president said in his late annual message that the McKinley tariff law was inefficient as a revenue producer, which seemed apparent only in the last years of Republican control of affairs and after Democrats had been elected to manipulate the affairs of the government. The reason of the reduction in revenues is quite evident, from the known policy of the Democrats and their determination to reduce the tariff. In consequence importations fell off until a tariff law that was not so exacting should come in force. Low tariff is a failure. The experiment has been a costly one to the goverment. Mr. Sherman agrees to support the administration in disentangling the web it has woven. He instists that there must be more taxes for revenue or the reduction of expenses, or perhaps both.

THE subscriber in South Africa who sent us the very excellent edition of the South African Review, will please accept our thanks.

THE CHARITY MOVEMENT.

ONE of the white gentlemen largely instrumental in bringing the charitable movement to pass, said that he relied largely upon the colored teachers to make a good showing in the movement. The colored gentleman approached expressed doubt as to their activity in such matters. He made inquiries concerning the it and was informed that the teachers were only waiting a chance to take a part in any good movement. He was advised to communicate personally with them and he would find that they had been maligned in the past. It may be a little early to predict their enthusiasm in the matter, but one thing is certain that some of the objections urged against them should be proved baseless instanter. Knowing the feeling that has existed, the teachers border on temerity in helping foment discord. They may not have been apprised of the affair, or perhaps in a quiet unostentatious way they have done their part. However, face evidences are the best to show a hearty line of approval. THE FREEMAN does not attack the teachers, but a plain case seems here established. To be odious in a community is no desideratum, no matter what be the consideration. We speak as a friend to the teachers, hoping they may not allow these general movements to escape their eyes, and help render nugatory the idea that they are public leeches.

THE RENAISSANCE.

With pleasure THE FREEMAN hails the returning of times when Negroes may meet in numbers to rehearse the story of his former trials and tribulations. The emancipation day is again in favor, having once grown into "innocous desuetude" in the short bygone days, through an attempt to assassinate it by some cold blooded animals who saw nothing but the perpetuation of the race line in its perpetuation. The Negro need not be lynched as a reminder that he is his brother's keeper, but he needs a visition of some kind to show the people that while a few would desert it, fly over the line of race allegiance, that there are seven millions yet who have no such wings. Wait for the "rest" of us! A renaissance! A revival is all right! There are many marplots in the race willing to consign it to the stygian deep if they can but rise on its back and escape the deluge. Let us have the day by all means! Let us run back to "taw" occasionally to see whether we are moving off or not.

IT won't hurt to carry the ark of the covenant along a while longer. We speak not so directly to those parts where the settlement of Negroes are sparse, but to those districts where the Negroes teem as a hive of bees. It won't hurt the new Negro to kiss the Kaabaic stone occasionally. The tired, weary old Negro that the new Negro is trying so hard to loose, loves to bathe his soul in the halo of these occasions to gain surcease from sorrow. Let us make haste slowly! "All must hang together or hang separately."

ASSINEGOISM.

The Herald, smarting under the drubbing it recently received at the hands of THE FREEMAN is capering around performing all sorts of odd antics. It saw a few cold type errors in a former issue and thereby hangs a tale. Pure buffoonery now reigns supreme. A cap, a hawk, and bells and the picture is complete. Just like the average darkey—no better. It is trying to squirm out on a technicality; trying to laugh its case out of court. The fact is, the Herald is an ass. Sirs, an ass!

ENGLAND is in a jam with the Boers in Africa. These people lost no time in attending to business—neatness and dispatch is their motto doubtless.

MORE bonds galore is the order of the day. A popular subscription they say. Very popular and proper on Wall street, but totally new to Poverty Flats or Blackville.

A LETTER comes to us from Cape Town, Africa, asking after the reliable old FREEMAN. The letter, while full of information, does not inspire one with the belief that Africa is for Africans. A system of espionage and persecution far different from that practiced in America is carried on. The information is wholly reliable and is not intended for publication. The writer is a person of ability and trustworthy. We will make this one statement, he says that "The Negroes are bountifully able to pay for higher schooling, but money can not purchase an education above the third and fourth reader." Many other statements equally startling is made.

THE Record, of Baton Rogue, La., comes to us a clean, hightoned looking looking paper, quite up to date. It is a fearless Republican paper and talks right out. Its editorial staff seems formidable under the guiding inspiration of Messrs. Berhel, Duplisses and Taylor. Success to the Record.

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Miss Nahar's Recital a Success.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The recital of Miss Ednorah Nahar at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church last Tuesday evening was decidedly a grand success. Mrs Althea Brown of Washington, D. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Younger, living on the Montgomery road. She is accompanied by Miss Anna E. Brown, the evangelist, who is her sister-in-law, of the same city. The "Aescen" literary and social club held its last regular meeting at Albert Smith's residence on Willow street last Friday night. The club decided to purchase a library similar to that of Walnut Hills High school. The officers of the Douglass Guards are preparing to re-organize the battalion and surprise their friends on Decoration Day. Miss Fanny Clark of Louisville, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Jacob Elder, 65 Foraker avenue Rev. Harvey Johnson is on a flying visit, being called to preach the funeral of Mrs. Trotter of Avondale. There is a movement on foot to erect a reading room for young men on the Hill. It is headed by Capt. Ford Stith. Every one will read The Freeman. Major Austin and Adjutant Washington of the D. G. are anticipating a visit to Wilberforce college.

Among the Wilberforce students visiting their homes on the Hill during the Christmas vacation were Misses Anna Hogan, Nettie Hogan, Alice Parham, Etta Scott, Lutie Hoard. From Berea college Messrs. Benj. McWilliams and John Jackson. Willis Morgan has returned from New Orleans where he spent last fall. Rev. R. Campbell, pastor of the St. Paul Baptist church of College Hill, is having great success in paying for the new church; grand rally to-morrow; all are invited. The oldest U. B. F. Lodge in the State of Ohio, viz: Smith Lodge installed the following officers last Monday night: J. H. Ayers, Master; A. W Henson, D. M.; John Fitzhugh, Sec.; Ben T. Booth, R. Sec.; A. R Tucker, Treas.; John Duson Chaplain; Wm. Smith, C. T. R.; Robt, Toller, C. S. C.; Granville Bush, R. S.; Jesse Alexander, L. S.; Wm. Porter, I. S; H. Williams, S. M.; Milton Crawford, J. M.

Social Gatherings—Personals.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Ella Fralix returned to Dalton Sunday evening to begin her school work, after spending the holidays at home. Prof. W. H. Hastin has returned from a visit to Indiana. Master Eddie Allen came back from Nashville last week with his brother Dr. R W. Allen While here he was the guest of his brother and C. E. Newton. Mrs. Hattie Brown is quite ill. Mrs C. D. Lowndes is suffering with a painful finger. Henry T. Harrison, Whiteside street, has returned from Atlanta, Ga. Miss A. Taylor entertained quite a number of friends on Early street Monday evening. A pleasant time was had. Miss M. Calaway entertained a number of young folks at her residence on Georgia avenue Friday evening. Mrs. E. S. Martin entertained a number of friends at dinner last Sunday evening at her home on Whiteside street. The reproduction of the "Tom Thumb Wedding" at the Congregational church Thursday evening was the most unique affair that has ever appeared in this city. Their marching was almost perfect. Household of Ruth 121 held their annual installation of officers Thursday night, Household of Ruth No. 586 held theirs at the same time. The following officers were elected: C. E. Ware, P. M. N. G.; Mrs. E. S. Martin, M. N. G.; Mrs. M. Bonner, N. G.; G. G. Lee, W. T.; S. M. Manson, W. K.; Mrs. Mollie Bryant, W. S.; J C. Downs, W. P.; Mrs. P. Crawford and Mrs. Anna Mora, Sr. stewarts; Mrs. Rosa Harper and Sallie Sampson. Jr. stewarts; Mrs. Agnes Johnson, W. C., and Malinda Farmet, W. U. Subscribers please note that The Freeman can be had for $1.00 a year, commencing with January and continuing the whole month. Leave your orders with C. E. Newton, agent, at Dr. O. W. James' drug store, 403 W. Ninth street. Delinquent subscribers, please settle your accounts or your papers will be stopped. You will also notice that beginning with this year, four weeks will constitute a month with this paper at 15c per month, and your subsubscription will be due every four weeks.

Resolutions Adopted.

Temple, Tex., Special.

Mr. S. E. Epperson of Wharton has moved to Temple and has opened a first class grocery. He will be glad to have his friends give him a call. He also says that the Freeman is a good paper and that he will take it. Mrs. Link Jackson and Miss Mattie Simpson went to Kinney to spend the holidays with friends. Mr. Adam Jackson sold out part of his business to Charley Fuller and Mr. Harris of Betton. They say that they are doing a rushing business. Mr. Neal Tolden's sister spent the holidays with him. The U. B. of F. gave a grand entertainment last Thursday night at their hall where the members made a present to their worthy master and their past master. Pst master W.D.Simpson Worthey Master is H. C. Anderson. We had a grand time. C.C. Polk got it up. C. P.Coleman was sick last week, but is up at this writing. H. C. Anderson has moved here from Dallas. Ed. Woods has bought Mrs. Dedrick's interest in with Mrs. Clark's restaurant. Don't forget to call on me for The Freeman it is the only race paper. At the regular communication of Manolia Lodge No. 18 K. of P. the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, In view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our friend and associate.Sister Francis Carter and of the still heavier loss sustained by our late brother, Thomas Carter, her husband and family who where nearest and dearest to them. Therefore be it

Resolved, That it is a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say in regretting her removal from our midst we mourn for one who in every way was worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased and the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy Be it further

Resolved, That this last felt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the family of our departed friend by the secretary of this meeting. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge and The Freeman of Indiana and the Texas Freeman. H C. Anderson, C. C. Polk, E. M. Pettigrew, committee.

Emancipation Celebration—Personal.

Sheffield, Ala., Special.

We had a merry Christmas here. There were Christmas trees at the A. M. E. and Missionary Baptist churches. Revs. Gibson and Harris are working as a unite to build up the cause of Christ. Prof. W. T. Breeding of Tuscumbia represents The Freeman in our town, and everybody is highly pleased with it. Mrs. G. W. Perkins and daughter have moved to town to join Prof. G. W. Perkins who has charge of the city school. Mr. and Mrs. Elya Whitemore entertained quite a number of their distinguished friends at a dining on New Year's night. Everything was served in high style. The guest present who enjoyed the hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McCray, Misses Mary Whitmore, Mary Baily and others. Alfred Carter and Mr. Youngblood have retuned from Birmingham. William Jackson of Furnance Hill, who was severely hurt some months ago, is out again to the delight of his friends. G. W. Scott runs a first class restaurant. Prof. B. J. Sterling has a fine school at South Florence. He is a man of energy and push. Johnie Swopes and Rev. C. B Newson Webb all run barber shops. Rev. Gibson of the A. M. E. church has arrived with his family and are at home to his friends on Twenty-sixth street. Miss Mary Gray has a flourishing school A. Smith runs a first class laundry. The emancipation celebration conducted by Prof. B. J. Sterling was a success in every way The following subjects were discussed: 'God's Providence in the Emancipation," Rev. Gibson; 'Are we Improving."Miss Mary F. Gray; Obedience to the Moral and Civil Law," Rev. John Fields; "Unity is the Strength of Society," Prof. B. J. Sterling; Rev. A. T. Wood and Perkins were present and gave interesting talks. Will Gray subscribed for The Freeman one year.

A Social Whirl.

Sardis, Miss., Special.

On New Year's eve a number of people in response to a previous invitation assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lucas. Games were played and the sweet music rendered by the string band was a treat itself. About half past ten o'clock all were invited into the dining room where a great feast was spread. Everyone did justice to the supper. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Liston Bacon, Rev. Samuel Dunnigan and wife, Mrs. Marinda Butler, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons, Mr and Mrs. Neuton Dilliard, Misses Blanche Alston, Mary Hightower, and Idelle Robinson, Messrs. E. D. Ellis, R. D. Leake, P. E. Hightower. Prof. D. C. Potts, J. P. Harrison and lawyer M. M. Simmons. twelve o'clock everyone after thanking the host and hostess for a pleasant evening wended their way homeward.

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Personal Mention.

Shreveport, La., Special.

New Year's new opening by Mr. Douglass McKinney on Texas street with a full line of groceries, we wish him a success. We are glad to know that the young ladies, Misses Mary Ealiner, H. Freeman, Mamie Black, Jennette Mc Milliam and Susie P. Legardy were successful in getting good appointments as teachers and we wish them all success. Rev. Jones of the Antioch Baptist church and Rev. Logan of St. Mathew A. M. E. church has joined the St. James M. E. church. Rev. J. W. Hudson of St. James M. E. church was surprised by the band sisters of his church. He extends the hand of welcome to them at any time. January 1st was Emancipation Celebration throughout the state. We have so much denomination in Shreveport that the Negro cannot have a success in anything unless he is a Baptist or a Methodist. After all quite a number celebrated the day in a becoming manner. The following program was rendered at Moss Side Park, at three p m., January 1st:

Singing by the congregation; prayer, Rev. Hampton James; singing, the Sunday schools, under the direction of their superintendents; reading proclamation, Miss Susie P. Legardy; oration of the day, Rev. Jas. W. Hudson; Shall Christian Education be Encouraged Among our People, Revs. O. J. LeBouëff and J. H. Martin; "The Future of the Negro Race," Revs. H. R. Flynn and W. J. Walker; solo, Miss Sarah Legard; introductory remarks, ex-senator Wm. Harper; slavery and freedom, A. Daniels, Rev. Samuel Armstead, F. S. Allen, Sr., James Thomas and others. The Sanitary Condition of the Colored People, Drs. J. B. Maclin and D. A. Smith; arrangement committee, J. Armstead Thomas, chairman; Lewis W. Blackwell, S. Hicks. Marshall of the day, Walter Marham second, J. H. Lovell, aids, F. O. Butler, Monroe Benton, Nel Chew, Henry Pemberton, Anthony King.

Mrs. Lillie Lebœuff has moved her millinery and dress department to the next door. Rev. Lucion Luke died in Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31st, his remains was brought to Shreveport.

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Shelbyville Shots.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The card party at the home of Mrs. W. C. Cartwright on the 31st ult. was grand. A half dozen couples enjoyed themselves until a late hour, and then refreshments were served. The tin wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Myers on the 1st was nice. Many presents were given them. Upon their return they gave a grand supper. Rev. B A. J. Nixon and wife, Rev. W. A. Harris and wife, Rev. W. M. Stone, H. L. Turner, R. Hill, Messrs. C. J. Thompson, Purdy, Frank Snellins, P. W. Patterson, T. T. Ransom, William Furgerson, Ed Thompson, Harris Snellins, Hazel Finey, Genie Bowman, Ed Russel, Mesdames C. Nash, C. Simpson, M. Wells and a great many others were present Ed Peacock has returned after a long trip. He is well pleased with his sight-seeing. Misses McKinney and Simbs returned on the 7th well pleased with their several week's stay in the "City of Rocks" and the kind attention they received at the hands of the good people. A grand entertainment will be given at the Mt. Zion Baptist church—"Selling under the Cedars of Lebanon." Table No. 1 by Naomi and Ruth; No. 2, Elizabeth and Mary; No. 3, Martha and Mary. It will be something grand. The Turner college opened on the 6th with a great many pupils. Miss Maggie Phillis' funeral was attended by Rev. H. L. Turner of the A. M. E. church. Job McChristian left for Louisville, Ky., on the 4th. His wife will teach in the Fayettville night schools. Messrs. Turner, Purdy and Gosling took a drive to an adjoining city recently. Miss Mamie Hoffman will teach in the night schools. Every man, woman and child should read The Freeman, for they cannot go wrong if they follow its teachings. Get it at W. H. Gosling's store.

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Notice Extraordinary.

Dear Brethren of the Northern District, Indiana Conference: In the Christian Recorder of Dec. 26, 1895, is an extraordinary notice from our Savior Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D. L.L. D. in which Janauay 19th, 1896, at 11 o'clock a. m., is set apart for preaching the sermon of our lamented Senior Bishop, the late A. W. Wayman, D. D You will please pay strict attention to this notice and observe the same. Rev. A. Smith.

UNITE FOR RACE PROTECTION

OPPOSED TO LYNCH LAW—THE NEGRO AND HIS RIGHTS.

Can't Tolerate Negro Democracy—Negroes Too Far Apart—Will Not Allow Others More Privilege Than They Allow us.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

I am a Negro and I believe in independence and Negro management of all Negro affairs. I also believe in protecting our people from being imposed on and cheated out of their equal rights and justice.

I do not believe in black democrats and I feel ashamed for any intelligent Negro who allows himself to be bought and sold by the democratic party at the expense of his own race for money, whiskey, cigars or anything else.

No honest, intelligent colored man who respects himself and family, and has pride in his race, and who by honest efforts would help build up his downtrodden race, will lend himself as a tool to be used by another party in direct opposition to the interests of his own race, and there by, degrading our families and lessening our pride as a people.

In as much as I condemn the act of Negroes selling their votes to the democrats, I also condemna the act of the bosses or moguls of the colored Baptists of Txas selling the rights and the privilege of the same to the Home Mission Society of New York for the period of fifty years.

Thus depriving us of an equal right that we should enjoy.

I believe in the New Convention for in it the Negro has an equal right to make for himself what others have made for themselves.

I do not think it a disgrace for the Negro Baptist of Texas to own and control institutions of learning of their own and that a Negro president and faculty, should issue high grade certificates to Negro teachers.

I am opposed to lynch law because innocent Negroes are being murdered, not for crimes actually committed by them, but simply to intimidate the race that we may be easily held in subjection and be made to feel our helplessness when in fact, we are the main stay of he nation.

I believe in union for protection, for we are too far apart, and more than that, we should not bumble ourselves and allow others more privilege than they allow us, we are also men that the self-same God created and have an equal right to defend our own when trampled on and disgraced by ill-bred, scrupulous white men.

We must, as men, assert our rights and unite our efforts for race protection, and show ourselve to be men who are not afraid to back it up. If there is any thing I hate it is to see a big strong negro allow an infernal inferior white man to impose on himself and his own when it can be helped.

I am proud of the Freeman and its enterprising editor.

I am respectfully, E. R. J.
Hillsboro, Tex.

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They Celebrated.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

"Old Sol" with all his glorious brightness shone New Year's morning on the quiet little city of Chattanooga. The ground was lightly covered with snow and all nature seemed grand, and a better day could not have been had for the celebration of Emancipation Day. Long before the city clocks had chimed out the 2 o'clock hour, the First Baptist church was being filled to overflowing, by the best colored people of the city, for the purpose of listening to and participating in the celebration exercises. Dr. A. J. Love was master of ceremonies. The program was good and well carried out. Music was furnished by the different choirs of the city churches, conducted by H. D. Alexander, one of the original Jubilee Singers. When "My Country 'Tis of Thee," was sung the walls of the church reverberated to the grand old hymn. Rev. J. E. Smith of the First Congregational church prayed. A duet and chorus led by Miss E. S. Redding and H. B. Lewis was then sung, after which Dr. J. T. Dixon read the Proclamation, and was greatly applauded. Mrs. Cora Calhoun Phillips sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Mrs. Phillips is endowed with the gift of music, and never fails to hold her audience. Rev. Trusty of the Presbyterian church, made an address on "Those Cruel, Agonizing, Slavery Days." A quintette from the Presbyterian church choir gave the audience a grand treat; Rev. T. A. Thompson of the A. M. E. church also made an instructive address. The exercises were exceedingly good and much praise was bestowed upon Attorney J. P. Easley, chairman of the committee on arrangement, for the way in which the program was carried out. Benediction, by Rev. Zeigler of the Hill church followed by the A. M. E. choir. It was twilight before the great audience dispersed Rev Vann, through his untiring efforts had his church completed for celebration day except the frescoing, which is now being done. The church will be dedicated the last of this month. The ceremonies will consist of one week of night services, allowing one evening for ministers, one for doctors, one for the city corps of teachers, and the remaining nights for other professions.

Lodge Happenings—Personals.

Decherd, Tenn., Special.

Our public schools closed on the 20th ult. The scholars reflected much credit upon their teachers by their recitations. Wiley Coble, an old citizen of Decherd, and senior deacon of Mt. Olive Baptist church died on the 23rd ult. Rev. L. Trimble, of Winchester, conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev's. D. A. Townsend and W. M. Simmons. Mr. Steve Champion, who has been confined with a bone-felon, has returned to his work. Mr. Champion is a staunch friend and admirer of The Freeman. Decherd Banner Lodge, 3866, G. U. O. O. F., installed the following officers for '96 at its first regular meeting: C. Jones, W. T.; J. H. Moseley, W. C.; W. T. Hunt, W. Adv., and T. J. Townsend, P S. Silver Moon Lodge, No. 79, Christian Fellowship has the following board for '96: T. J. Townsend, president; Hattie Holland, V. P.; W. T. Hunt, secretary; Nettie Wiggins, assistant secretary, and Henry Smith, W. T. The entertainment and Xmas tree on the 24th at the A. M. E. church was a success; Rev. M. G. Wright pastor. The banquet on Xmas night at the Baptist church was a success. President W. H. Council, of Normal, the silver-tounged orator of the South, will speak in Dechered in the near future. He will be the guest of Prof T. J. Townsend. Mrs. Hattie Holland and M. L. Townsend, on January 1st, repaid the pleasant visit of Mrs. Laura Brown and Ella Simpson at Estill Springs.

Missionary Day—Program.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

All of the churches of the city are recognizing the "Week of Prayer." Services each afternoon and evening. All are well pleased with the new minister, Rev. Lewis Pettiford, who will take charge of the A.M. E. church. Mrs. and Miss Pettiford are expected Tuesday afternoon. The later will attend the high school at this place, making the number of colored students four. Sunday was Missionary Day at the Sunday-school. Exercises were held at 3:30 o'clock p. m., a paper subject "The First Missionary and his Work," was read by Miss Maud Winslow discussed by Mrs. Geo. Allen and Rev. L. Pettiford. A. J. Allen spoke on the subject; "The Benefit of the Sunday-school to the old by H. Harris and others; a paper subject be "Careful What You Say," was read by Miss Lottie King, discussed by Mrs. C. S. Jones and Mrs. H. Harris The society is doing much good. We are having plenty of snow. Frank Scott is still indisposed Mrs. A. J. Allen delightfully entertained her Sunday-school class on New Year's day. Mrs. Maggie Brooks also entertained her class on Saturday afternoon. The children were highly pleased. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Allen have moved into their home on Miami street. Master James Turner says his Chicago girl is all right. Mrs. Jane Allen will leave for Warsaw, Ind., on Wednesday afternoon to visit her son, William Allen. Elwood Winslow is on the sick list. Mr. Glover of Crawfordsville, and Joe Keene have accepted positions at the Murdock Hotel. The former as head cook, the later as second cook.

A Royal Banquet.

Camden, Ark., Special.

The people of Camden spent a pleasant Christmas. Miss Maggie Collier of Hot Springs spent Christmas here. The boys did everything to make it pleasant for her. The banquet given at Mrs. Sarah Walker's was delightful. The New Year's tree at Eagle Mill was grand. Before the presents were called off a program was rendered which was quite entertaining. Misses Mattie Starland, Indiana Johnson, Ruth Daily and Mrs. Sarah Walker were fair representatives of Camden on the program and deserve mention. Prof. G. T. Laster made a flying trip to Buena Vista on the 29th ult. The teacher's meeting held at Mrs. J. V. Holmes on the 3rd, was quite interesting. Our school has opened after two week's vacation. Subscribe for The Freeman—it is the coming paper.

Personal Mention.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

The Bazaar closed last Friday night at St. John's on Lexington street. Miss Sadie Murray has returned from New York where she spent the holidays. The Y. M. C. A. will be addressed next Sunday by Thomas H. Watkins. Sam Gray left Thursday to resume his studies at Lincoln. Miss Nettie Hilliard is one of the belles of East Baltimore. Miss Mary Day is very sick at her home on State street. James Louis of Chicago spent his holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Sidney Busch. Miss Louisa Howard has returned to Trapp, Md.

John M. Lee has returned from Washington, D. C.

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concert had the pleasure of singing before the President, Paul Kruger. We were introduced to him, he is a very clever old gentleman. The only fault I found with him was that he did not speak the English language. He said he enjoyed the concert very much, and it is said it is the only time he has visited a theatre. Church is about the only place he goes to. Thursday the 3rd, of October, was his 84th birthday, and the celebration was a grand one. We returned to Johannesburg and left for New Castle, Natal. Natal is said to be the garden spot of South Africa, and I think it is one of the grandest places in the world. We arrived at Maritzburg, the capital on Saturday November 9th. There we spent one week. At our first concert we had the honor of appearing before the Mayor, Mr. Levy, and family, the Prince of Teck, the general, and several officers of the English Hussars. We left there for Durban, where we are at present. Durban is the largest city in Natal, and the seaport. I have not the time to explain to you what a grand country this is, but it is the finest I have seen in my travels. Adjoining Natal is Zuzuland, I had the pleasure of spending several days in Zuzuland, and there I saw some wonderful sights. I saw a Zulu War Dance—10,000 men taking part in it. I heard a Zulu choir of 250 voices, I visited Zulu kraals and met three chiefs.

I wish to call attention to a man by the name of Dr. John Nembula. He graduated from the Chicago Medical College March 29th, 1887. Shortly after that he left for South Africa, and it was reported that he died on his way home. In my trip through Zuzuland I met Dr. Nembula. I left Durban Friday November 22nd, in company with several gentlemen on horseback to visit the Adams Mission Station. The correct name for this place is Amanzintote, a native word, but it is called Adams Mission Station after the founder, Dr. Adams, of New York. He came there December 1834. We arrived there about one o'clock, and went to the Mission home. We were kindly escorted through the town by Rev. Kilbon, and we entered the dispensary and were introduced to Dr. Nembula. I remembered the name and inquired of him if he had ever been to Chicago. He told me he had studied in Oberlain, O., and graduated for a doctor at Chicago. After I told him who I was he remembered me, and was very much pleased to see me. He inquired particularly of Mr. F. L. Barnett and a number of Chicago ladies and gentlemen, after which we went to his house to tea and spent a very pleasant afternoon. In his parlor he has his diploma and also a group of the graduating class of 1887 and the founders. I recognized two faces. Dr. Hollister of Armour's Mission and Dr. Wesley. Dr. Nembula is married and has three children. We also visited the house in which he was born, and met his mother, two sisters, and a brother.

Adams Mission Station is a pretty little place; there are ninety-three houses and 171 kraals. Dr. Nembula's grandmother Mbalasi, is said to be the first native in all Natal to be Christainized, and the family were well thought of in the community. We left the country for Durban at 4:30 Monday morning, arriving here about noon. Dr. Nembula wishes to be remembered to inquiring friends and says he will visit America in 1897. We will leave Durban Tuesday December 7th on the steamer Norman for East London, Cape Colony, and will work our way toward Capetown and land there about February 10th. We will have one month's vacation there, after which we will leave for Southampton. After we have finished our visit to South Africa I shall have time to write you about the natives. Hoping this will find the people prospering

I remain yours respectfully,
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A Great Worker.

Shellman, Ga., Special.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I have read your esteemed paper and its excellence has caused me to subscribe for it. You have been hitting the nail on the head by never failing to speak what is right. Every Negro in America ought to read The Freeman. I will work for it. I preached 188 sermons, delivered 125 orations, received 100 people in the church, traveled 3,000 miles, read 1,000 newspapers, 16,000 pages of history, 12,000 chapters in the bible, visited 2,000 families, read every sermon of Dr. Talmage, organized one church at Greenville, Ala., visited 25 sick rooms, preached in two camp meetings, 5 sermons in court houses, visited 3 conferences via Greenville, Selma and Montgomery; I have delivered 900 sermons in five years, received over 500 members in the A. M. E. church alone, held over 1,000 meetings in Alabama and Georgia, 3,000 converts and 10,000 came up for prayer. D. J. H. McGEHEE.

Spicy News Notes.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The public school opened Monday after two week's vacation for holidays. Presiding Elder Rev. J. S. Low of the A. M. E. church will be here the third Sunday in this month The G. U. O of O. F. met on the 2nd and elected officers. Their regular meetings are the first and third Thursdays in every month. Misss Maggie Sanders returned last Friday from her visit to Brinkley. Mrs. Carruth who has been spending a pleasant time in the country for a few days returned last Friday. On the 2nd was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Jacobs a fine boy. Mrs Robertson and Mrs. Peters have returned from their visit to Marvelle. Mr. Sander's uncle spent a week with family and returned to his home last week at Fordyce. Robert Thomas was in Helena last Saturday. E. F. Berry is still on the sick list. Miss Mary Smith is quite sick. Mrs. Sharp of Althiman, has opened a first class restaurant on Main street. Wm. Orr, who has been on the sick list is able to be out. Mrs. Emma Williams, who for years has kept the only colored hotel here has rented the Riverside Hotel, a new and first class place, more convenient for the traveling people. J. E. Hamilton brought Mrs. Hamilton a fine buggy from Memphis.

News Notes—Personals.

Cripple Creek, Col., Special.

Prof. A. Ray is on the sick list. Rev. J. Anderson of Colorado Springs, held forth at the A. M. E. church. His sermon from the nineteenth chapter of St. John was excellent. Messrs. Wisdom and Roberson are doing a lively business and prefer always to be at the top. Mr. Miller, the acknowledged leading tonsorial artist is a star in the eyes of the fair sex. Mr. Ella Muse, Mrs. C. Williams, M. Owens and Mrs. Patton are not to be excelled in giving first class social entertainments. Mr. Davis and Burns are the leaders. They know no failure, hence they are successful business men. Charley Harper is looking forward to a very eventful day. Rev. W. A. Wagner of the A. M. E. church is doing a great work.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

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CHAS. J. MADDEN,
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Anxious to See The Freeman.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

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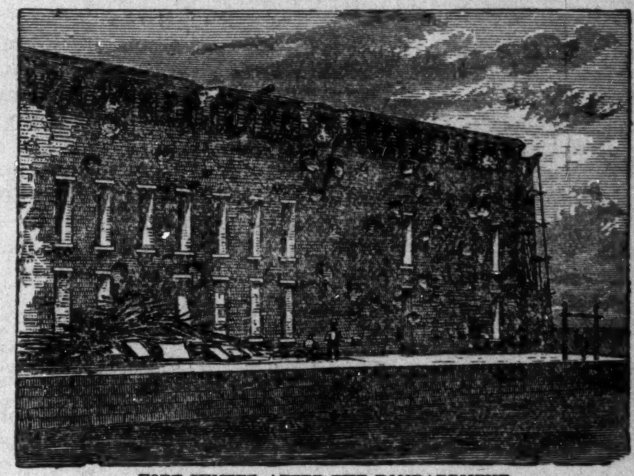

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A Great Week at Normal.

NORMAL, ALA., Dec. 28, 1895.

During the Christmas holidays Normal has been honored by the presence of one of the most distinguished women of our race. Several days previous to her coming it was announced that Mrs. Francis E. W Harper would be a guest at the Normal, and she was anxiously looked for by both teachers and students. All had heard something of her as a novelist, poetess and lecturer, and were anxious to meet her and become more acquainted with her. One Saturday morning, she arrived from the "Gate City" and during the day, received quite a number of calls from the acquaintance and teachers. She visited the Debating Society that evening, and gave us the first of a series of lectures. The address— as all the others were, was of a high order and profound, yet it was easily understood and taken in by the least advanced of the students.

Sunday morning at 10:30 the services were conducted by Mrs. Harper, and a discourse more eloquent and impressive has never been delivered from the rostrum of Normal. In her discourse she showed the great contrast between Solomon and his father David. All were greatly benefitted by the sermon and inspired to lead higher and holier lives. Mrs. Harper spent Sunday after noon in the city and addressed a large audience composed of members of the various congregations in the city, and all who heard her were so delighted that she was persuaded to speak to the ladies of the city on Monday at 3 p m., and to a mixed audience at night. Wherever she spoke the auditorium was filled to overflowing with the best people of the city and neighborhood.

Sunday evening at 7:00 p. m, our guest addressed the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and many friends of the Institution attended, she set forth "The Powers of Character," and all were strengthened and highly pleased. Truly she stands as a peer to any in the literary arena.

Mrs. Harper spoke again for us on Christmas day, and the address was forcible and logical, and not less eloquent than the words of the Geranian Knight, Nestor, whose words flowed from his mouth sweeter than honey. On Wednesday evening, the Harper Literary Club entertained Mrs. Harper at the beautiful home of Dr. Sneffeg. All enjoyed the rendition of any excellent program and a bountiful repast. The exercises consisted of quotations and recitations from Mrs. Harper's works, and essays recounting her literary attainments and incessant labors for her race and country. These selections were interspersed with music specially prepared for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the program our distinguished visitor addressed the club giving many new inspiring thoughts to all present. Short speeches were called for from the members of the State Normal School and all responded. To say that all have been benefitted and elevated would be putting in a mild form; for no one who has been among us has been able to do more. The appreciation is shown in part by the fact that the people of Normal and Huntsville are bent on having Mrs. Harper return and make Normal her headquarters. We feel that she can do much good for the people all through North Alabama, and we are sure that her labors will be appreciated and bring sure reward.

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"A Pink Party."

Conway, Ark., Special.

The "Pink Party" given at the residence of Mrs. George Steel Dec. 26th, was a success. It was given for the married people. There were plenty of nuts, cakes, candies, and wine of all sorts. The occasion was a grand one. The following persons were present: Mrs. Rev. H. Bullock, Little Rock; Mrs. Ballard, Little Rock; Mr. S. P. Marshall and wife, Prof. Gunthrop and wife, Mr. Bob Moore, Mr. Alex Jones and wife, Mrs. C. J. Hollands, Mr. Alford Olive and Geo. Olive Mrs. Steward Mrs. Harper, Mr. Hoard, Mr. Hillard Finley, Prof. F. H. Brown and wife. Mrs. N. C. Brown will leave for Pinnacle Springs, where she will teach. Prof. F. H. Brown made a flying visit to Plummerville, Ark. J. C. Kiljore will leave on the 29th for Minefield. Miss Cora Bowels is visitting the city of "Roses" this week. Rev. B. J. Finey passed through the city enroute to Conway. Prof. F. H. Brown is agent for the Freeman. Pay your subscription. The paper will be found at Mrs. Rachel Stells grocery. Rev. E. J. Jones, P. E. of St. James C. M. E. church, is visiting Miss Rev. W. E. Reid of Hope, P. E. of the A. M. E. church is visiting his wife. Call at B. Taylor's barber shop, one of the best in town.

General News—An Able Sermon.

Hope, Ark., Special.

Miss Lula Elliott and Mr. Jackson were married on the 26th, also Miss Boyd and Mr W. J. Jackson. The grand rally at the C. M. E. church was quite a success. Rev. J. D. Dennis preached an able sermon at 11 a. m., collection $15.15. The preachers Union met Monday morning. Prof. H. C. Yearger and Mr. Browning returned from Atlanta, Ga., on the 30th. Rev. J. E. McDade, pastor C. M. E. church, has completed his church. Rev. Z. R. Reeves is moving along nicely with his church work Rev. J. D. Dennis, the newly appointed pastor of the A. M. E. church, is moving along nicely with his work. Go to Elliott and Lewis for groceries. Tellington, McKinley and P. H. Bastic are doing good business in their line. Rev. W. E. Reed spent Christmas with his family. We hope the forth coming general conference will give us Drs. Armstrong, Murchison, and Preston for our next Bishops. Dr. T. H. Jackson, editor the Christian Recorder, Dr. Phillips, financial secretary. Miss Bamma Gathin was the guest of E. E. Elliott to witness the marriage of his sister. Miss Florence Briggs is spending the Christmas in Hope. Miss Jannie Morrison was in the city calling. She was the guest of Mrs. A. G. Sanderfer. Look for news items each week.

Social Gatherings—Personals.

Van Buren, Ark., Special.

The Baptist church and M. E. church had Christmas trees The colored people of this city met at the M. E. church Jan 1st, and celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation. Speeches by prominent men, orations, declamation, papers, essays, and musical and vocal solos composed the program and everything passed off nicely. The Syracuse Lodge, No. 14, K. of P. met Dec. 26th, and elected officers for the year of 1896. The Philomathical club met Dec. 31st. The Freeman and was read with much interest. Miss Colnealia L. Jackson of Paris, Tex., is visiting friends of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Relford of Little Rock, is visiting relatives and friends. Miss Polly E Turner of Philander Smith College, is visiting relatives and friends. W H Strickland, principal public school, spent Christmas with his family in Pine Bluff. Miss Annetta Poindexter of Illinois, is visiting relatives and friends.

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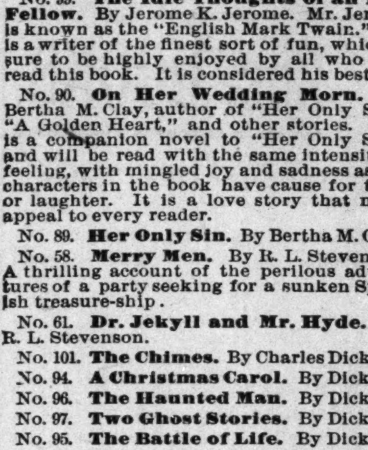
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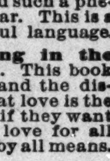

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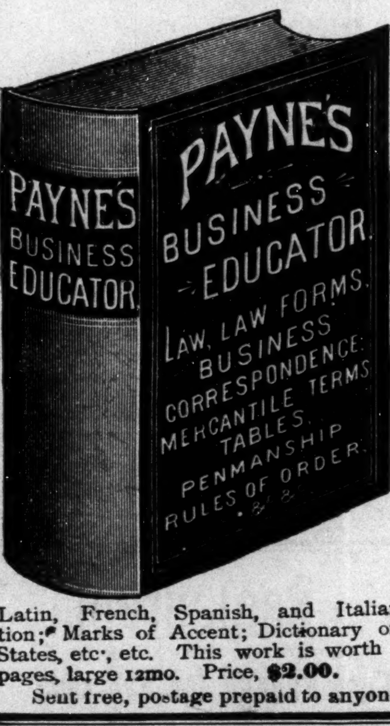

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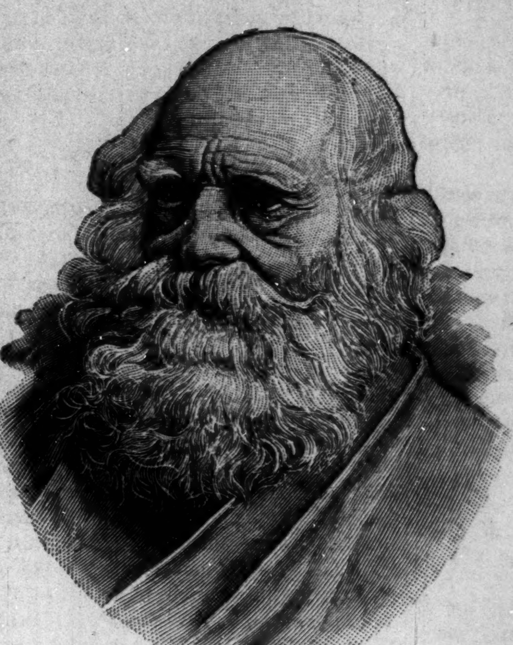

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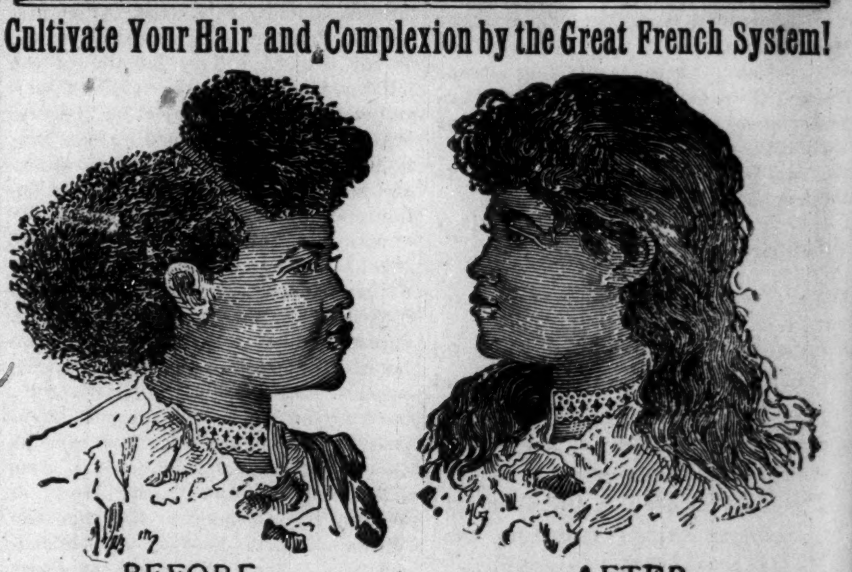

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white with jealous rage rushed for the door and placed her back against it.

"Now, Andrew Hardy, you can't sneak out of the house like a dirty cur-dog as you are, until I tell you what I think of you; then you may go to the devil for what I care."

"It seems as if I was in the devil's company, now."

"What do you mean, you two-faced lying hound; all these years I have been a faithful, true wife to you, and you have been, I find out, a mean, lying two-faced scamp, keeping company with loose women and writing to them, you—"

"It's a lie; I never kept company in my life with bad women; the person that letter was written to is a lady and a school teacher; she—"

"I wish she had you instead of me."

"If you keep on at this rate long, Emma, you'll be having me making the same wish."

"Oh, you cruel wretch, I wish I had never married you! what a fool I was to marry such a lying two-faced man! What a fool I was to marry you."

"It was not your fault or mine, my dear, that we got married, and I will now for the first time say that it was a serious mistake and a great sin upon some one's shoulders, but not yours or mine."

"Whose then?"

"Why that match-making mother of yours; she has married off all her children far above their class and stations in life."

"You mean, heartless dog! How dare you insult my mother? Isn't it enough that you have digraced me and your children without insulting my dear mother? Andrew Hardy! what do you think I am to do? Think I'm going to stand here and let you insult my poor mother? What do you think I am?"

"A wild woman, a stark, crazy mad fool."

"You do, hey? Well I'm not so crazy that I let a—well, I'll not say what I started to say for my dear children's sake, for you are their father I'm sorry to say."

The quarrel had now reached the "tit for tat" stage, and Hardy, although inwardly convinced that he was somewhat in the wrong, was as angry as his wife, so he replied with a cold smile:

"PERHAPS I am their father."

This sneering remark, as one would suppose angered Mrs. Hardy.

"'Perhaps' you are! you mean devil; so you intend to cast reflections upon me as well as my poor mother. Andrew Hardy, I'll not stand such lying insults."

She snatched up a glass pitcher that was standing upon a table to the left of the door and threw it with unerring aim at her husband's head. "Take that, you dirty dog." He did not have time te dodge it; he turned his head however, and got the blow upon the left side of the head just above the ear instead of full in the face as was intended by his wife. The pitcher was broke in one thousand and nine pieces, giving him a bad cut. In a rage he flew at his wife, but his noble manhood returned, so he simply grabbed her by the two wrists and forced her upon the sofa.

"Woman! mad woman! do not tempt me to commit rash acts—don't force me for your own sake and the children's if not for mine."

"You let go of my wrists, Andrew Hardy or I'll scream; do you hear; I wished I'd killed you; let go or I'll scream and bring the whole town here."

Hardy held his grasp upon his wife's wrists. He was standing over her and she half sitting, half reclining upon the sofa. She was as bad as her word, for she yelled out:

"Oh murder! don't you strike me again, Andrew Hardy! don't you try to kill me because we are alone, just because I found fault of you for going with other women."

Hardy freed her arms and jumped back from the sofa.

"Emma, Emma, you are crazy, you've lost your mind."

"No, I have not lost my mind; I'm no more crazy than you were when you wrote that letter to that Martha. I am going to keep on screaming until there is a hundred folks outside to hear me; I'm going to make them believe that you are killing me; I'll get square with you for your insults."

All this time Hardy's head was bleeding; he snatched up a towel and held it to his head to stop the flow of blood, some of which had fallen upon the sofa beside his wife. She seemed to have called up all the wicked arts of womanhood; she wiped up the blood with her apron, slipped pass Hardy and locked the door, then walking over to the window she threw the key far out in the road, and seeing several neighbors coming down the road she commenced to yell again:

"Don't you kill me, Andrew Hardy, because I found fault of you for going to New York to see fast women."

He started for the door, but found it locked; she smiled a mocking smile. He was anxious to get away for he saw that his wife had made up her mind to ruin him if she had to ruin herself in so doing. She saw him making for the window which was only ten or twelve feet from the ground. She ran screaming ahead of him and jumped out of the window which left the impression upon the ten or fifteen persons collected outside of the house that Hardy had almost murdered her. Before night, it was reported all over B—— that he had almost murdered his wife, and Hardy's stock in the village would have taken a drop but for the fact of his being a personal friend of the editor of the B—— "Farmer and Statesman," to whom he told the true story. The next issue of the "Farmer and Statesman" set the matter right in an editorial written by Hardy in which the rumor was denied, and a statement made that Mrs. Hardy jumped from the window while out of her mind for at the time caused a high fever. So the matter blew over with the town folks, but not with the Hardys. From that hour on Hardy hated his wife and she hated him. Each one tried to displease the other, and the rest of their married life was of the cat and dog order. He never tried to explain the letter, in fact he tried to have her believe that he was writing to ten or twelve women. She never asked to be forgiven for the cruel revengeful trick she played, and thus they lived on, each one at times wishing the hopeless wish that they had never met—each tolerating the other only for the children's sake—and each we regret to chronicle it—each often wished the other was dead. It was a wicked, semi-murderous wish, but what unhappy, ill-mated married couple has not at some time secretly made this wish? The answer comes back—"none, no, not one."

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Local Notes.

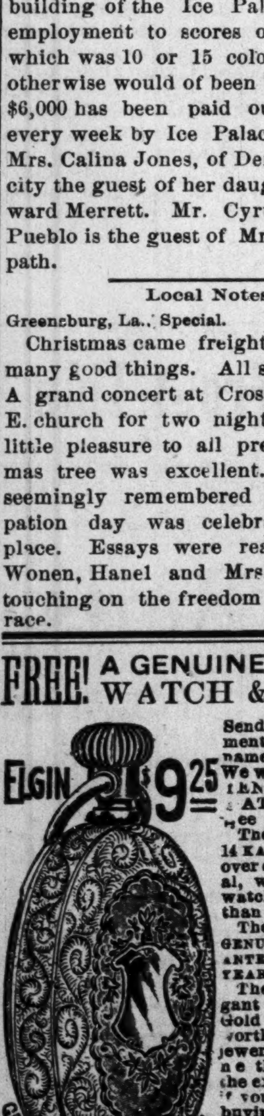
Leadville, Col., Special.

Mrs. T. A. Hubbard is on the sick list. Joseph Faulkner, who was shot the day before thanksgiving, is out again. The concert and Christmas entertainment at the A. M. E. church was a failure, the weather was severely cold. Rev. J. T. Smith went to Denver and Bolder, last week. Mrs. C. L. Knott and Mrs. F. Johnson, of Colorado Springs, visited Mrs. J. W. Young New Years and attended the opening of the Ice Palace. The Crystal Carnival Club has awarded the colored people a special day on Feb. 24th, at the Ice Palace and the committee will spare no pains to make it a success, everybody is invited to attend, will give full particulars later. Mrs. T. A. Hubbard, wife of President Elder Hubbard, went to Colorado Springs on the 26th to meet her husband. Mr. Geo. Staton frosted his hands so badly while working on the walls of the Ice Palace that he is in the hospital. Excursions were here from all over the state on New Nears day to witness the opening of the great Ice Palace. It is the finest ever built. Carnival will commence its three months festivities with a grand parade, everybody is invited to participate. Mrs. J. W. Young is suffering from a severe cold. Gus Dyar went to Denver on the 29th. Miss Mitchell of Denver, is in the city. Miss Olllie Green of Colorado Springs, will visit the carnival and be the guest of Mrs. H. Everetts, 302 W. 6th street. The extreme cold weather of the past few days has moderated sufficiently to incourage one to hope for something above zero on New Years day, that the opening of the carnival may not be froze out. The building of the Ice Palace has given employment to scores of men among which was 10 or 15 colored men that otherwise would of been idle. $5,000 to $6,000 has been paid out to laborers every week by Ice Palace contractors. Mrs. Calina Jones, of Denver, is in the city the guest of her daughter Mrs. Edward Merrett. Mr. Cyrus Lindell, of Pueblo is the guest of Mr. J. T. Hetspath.

Local Notes.

Greensburg, La., Special.

Christmas came freighted down with many good things. All seemed joyous, A grand concert at Cross Roads A. M. E. church for two nights afforded no little pleasure to all present. Christmas tree was excellent. Santa Claus seemingly remembered all. Emancipation day was celebrated at this place. Essays were read by Misses Wonen, Hanel and Mrs. Foster, each touching on the freedom of the colored race.



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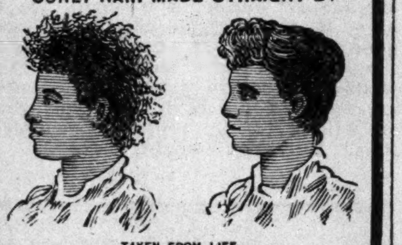

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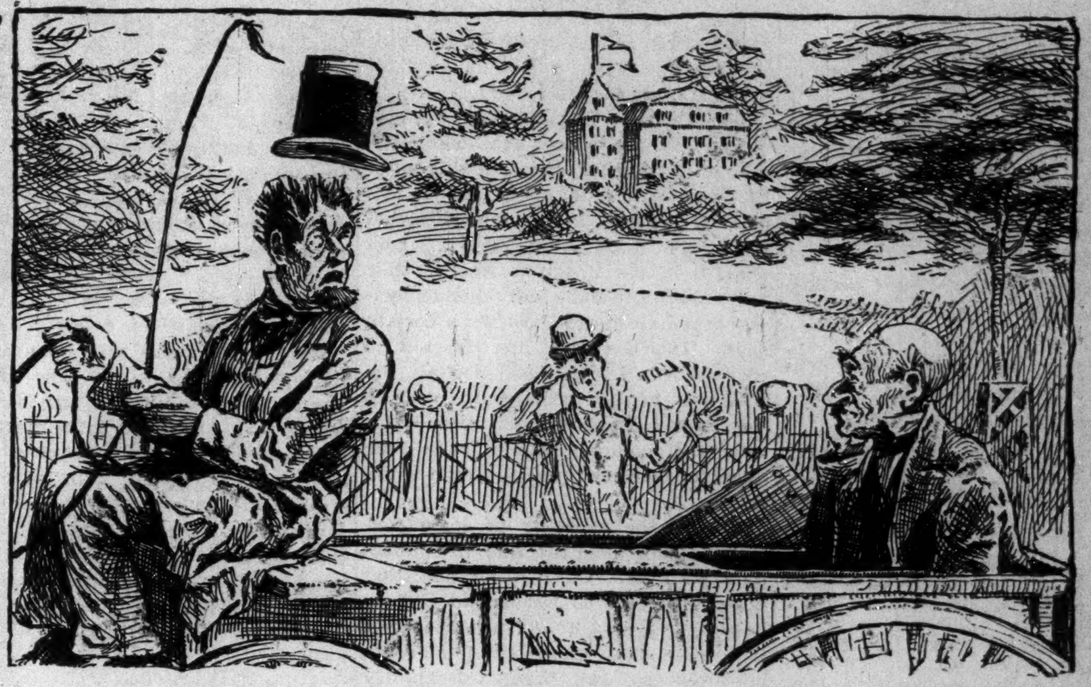
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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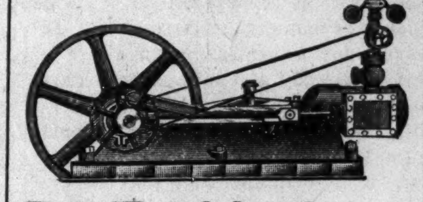

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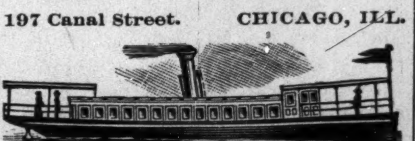

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The Colored Benevolent Society.

The colored people of this city, while having innumerable churches and societies for the indiscriminate relief of the poor have never united in a systematic manner for their relief.

The Charity Organization Society, composed of the various benevolent societies of the city has been looking after the systematic relief of the poor in this city for years. In recommending aid this organization investigates all who apply to it, and if found worthy they are referred to some individual or society organization to care for a certain class. The Germans are referred to the German Ladies' Aid Society, the Hebrews to their society, the sick to the Flower Mission, etc. Up to this time the colored people have been cared for by some organization of white people.

To meet the necessity of some concerted action along this line in connection with the Charity Organization Society the Colored Benevolent Society has been organized. It has been felt that, since fully one-third of the relief bestowed by the organized charity societies was given to colored people, the colored people should, at least, manifest an interest in the work even if the amount raised for relief was not so large.

At a meeting of prominent colored men, called at Plymouth church, an orgaization was perfected. The following officers were elected for the year of 1896: Dr. B. J. Morgan, president; Dr. S. A. Furniss, secretary; Dr Joseph H. Ballard, vice president. The first public meeting of the society was held at the Vermont Street A. M. E. Church last Sunday. An interesting program was rendered to a large and appreciative andience. Cash subscriptions and pledges to the amount of $250 were received at the meeting and, including other amounts already given. The society starts out with over $300 paid or pledged. In order to fully carry out the work as contemplated a large amount of money must be secured. Allowing for a necessary shrinkage in pledges already given the society starts out under very favorable auspice and will, doubless, accomplish much good' not only in the immediate work of relief, but by demonstrating that the Negro is beginning to be independent. The Colored Benevolent Society is in no sense a separate organization, but a part of the Charity Organization Society, organized with the belief that a certain class can best bestow aid among themselves and secure contribution from those willing to give.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

Mr. Joseph Bowers Meets the Young People at the Residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Proctor.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Proctor, 132 West Sixth street, was daintly and beautifully decorated and illuminated on Thurday evening, January 2nd, in honor of Miss Hicks, of Louisville, and Miss Radden, of Springfield, O. The elaborate parlors were brilliantly lighted, giving the rooms a delicate sea-foam green appearance, and here and there were handsome palms, while the guests were tripping the light fantastic in the back parlors which was well arranged for the occasions. It was a flowery scene. In the front hall was a lover's nook of palms and a handsome settee, where many young couples were seen posing under the decorated chandeliers that reflected a bright red on the flowery cave. In the rear of the hall the orchestra was seated in a mass of palms, facing the back parlor and the library doors. After the young people had found their way through these masses of palms that led through the library door, they found a punch bowl which was freely indulged in. After leaving the heated parlors, and entering this refreshing nook, it seemed as if you had reached a summer resort, and many were seen passing to and from this refreshing spring. At 11 o'clock the dining room doors were thrown open. The beautiful decorations made it very inviting. The guests prepared to be served. The menu was delicious: Pickles, salads, dainty sandwiches of bread and butter, coffee, and charlotte russ was served in pretty little cups, made of paper flowers with lady fingers ruffled around the tops. Cake was served in abundance. It was plain evidence that Mr. Bowers spared no pains to make it not only a successful affair, but a royal one. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor stood at the entrance, and as the young people made their departure, wished them "good night, come again." Miss Hicks wonders when these forty will meet again. J. B.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

A White Man Shot by a Young Colored Boy—The Emancipation Proclamation Celebration a Success.

Helena, Ark., Special.

A white man, agent on the Williamson Place, near this city, was killed by a young Negro the other day. The white man had become jealous of the Negro and his cook, a young colored woman, he ran the boy away from the store. The boy went home to his sister's house, the white man followed him, tried to put the Negro out of his sister's house. She interfered, made them stop fighting and thought there would be no more of it, until she heard the shooting. The white man was killed; the Negro escaped. Miss F. E. Alexander has returned home from visiting friends in Memphis. Rev. E. C. Carter of Memphis, was in our city during the holidays. Dr. J. P. Jay, M. D, after spending several days with old friends here, left for Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. G. L. Jones of Wynn, Ark., is in our midst visiting her people, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watson. Hon. J. N. Donohoo returned home from a quick trip to the city of New Orleans, La. Mrs. M. G. Turner is teaching school. The weather here is very cold, the Mississippi river is rising at this point. Mrs. G. A. S. Arnold, one of our city school teachers, is very sick. Mrs. J. Crawford is teaching in her place.

Mr. P. Crawford has gone to Hot Springs for his health. The Helena Normal school is filling up rapidly. The second term began Jan.1st with a dozen new scholars. A big fire occured Sunday night December 29th, which destroyed a drug store and the residence B. J. Smith who lost most all of his things and $65 in cash money. The home of Dave Ellyson was also badly damaged. All the churches held watch meeting services. Miss A. C. Watson has returned home from Brinkley, Ark, where she spent a very pleasant time among the elite of that progressive city. The Emancipation Celebration which was held at the Centennial Baptist church, under the auspices of the Y. P. B. U. Rev. E C Williams sung and offered prayer; "Reminiscence of Slavery days" Geo. Ormond; Emancipation Proclamation of A. Lincoln," B H. Johnson; "The Negro as a Soldier," Hon. J. N. Donohoo; "The Negro as a Citizen," Prof. C. W. Driskell; "Progress of the Negro in the Professions," Prof. S. P. Harris; "Progress of the Negro in Wealth," Prof. H. Avant; "Progress of the Negro in Religion," J. M. Alexander; "The Past, Present and Future of the Negro Race," H. P Morris. The bonfire, the fire works and the closing remarks by Dr. Morris sent a thrill of joy to all hearts. J. H. Jackson and Hon. C. C. Caldwell attended the Union literary society the 3rd and addressed the members on important issues of the day. Miss M. M. Morrison of Searcy was in the city a few days ago visiting old friends. Mrs. T. M. Morris, one of our fashionable dressmakers has accepted the responsible position of governess and teacher of dressmaking, cutting and fitting at Southland college. Her quiet, unassuming disposition well qualifies her for her position of trust and honor. Rev. C. B. Spearman has moved his family. Miss Susie Petigrew is attending Helena Normal school this term from Fayetsville.

Wedding Bells.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.

There was an election of five trustees at Bethel Monday night. James Woodfork and Miss Flora Williams will be married on the 29th of February. There were open doors at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs Sunday afternoon. Bethel church has began a series of meetings which are very interesting. Indiana Avenue Baptist church has also began a series of meetings. W. H. Brown is on the sick list. Mrs. Ballard and daughters of Indianapolis were in the city last week visiting relatives and friends. Dr. Arthur has returned from Richmond, Va., after a pleasant three week's visit to his relatives.

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A Baby Left.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickerson a bouncing baby boy. Mother and child doing well. Little Joseph Dickson is quite sick. This is a week of prayer at the A. M. E. church. There was a baby left on the door steps of James Wright's house Sunday evening, The little one was almost frozen to death. The case is being investigated. Mr. Wright is head waiter at the Wayne Hotel. St. Mary Lodge will meet Monday and hold election of officers for the year. Father Mathews is on the sick list this week. The young people will give a social this week. Mrs. Smith is not so well this week.

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